Let us show you how this unit of Medicaid Fraud Control of Attorney General PAM BONDI's office

Is acting with all the providers of therapies for children with Autism in Florida

I SEND A TWITTER TO SR TRUMP, WHEN THE MEDIA PAYMENTS SUSPENDED ME IN DECEMBER 14,

after that the next day December 16,

Medicaid Fraud Control Orlando Unit, returned to my offices to ask me for new documents and On February 7, I was arrested



In all these cases.... Are providers of therapies for children with autism And are persecuted

Attorney General Pam Bondi News Release May 5, 2017 Contact: Whitney Ray en Español Print Version

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Attorney General Bondi's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to Receive National Award



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Pam Bondi's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit will receive the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's top Award for Excellence in Fighting Fraud, Waste and Abuse. The HHS Old nominated Attorney General Bondi's MFCU for the top award because of the Unit's success fighting Medicaid fraud and recovering millions of dollars in lost funds. HHS selected Florida MFCU for the top honor from 50 units nationwide. A recort released earlier this year, highlighted more than \$185 million in total recoveries obtained by the Florida MFCU during the 2016 Floral Year, the second highest in the nation.

"This national award highlights the tireless efforts of my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigators to stop fraud and recover funds for taxpayers. Since taking office, we have recovered more than \$889 million in stolen Medicaid funds through settlements and judgments," said Attorney General Bondi. "This award sends a strong message, that anyone stealing Medicaid funds in Florida will be arrested and prosecuted."

Attorney General Bondi's MFCU is also being recognized for great collaboration with HHS and other federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Last year, working with HHS, FBI, U.S. Department of Justice and additional federal and state law enforcement agencies. MFCU helped execute the largest Medicare and Medicaid fraud takedown in United States history. As part of this coordinated takedown, MFCU charged six individuals involved in schemes causing more than \$17 million in fraudulent billings. In total the joint investigation identified more than \$200 million in fraud resulting in more than \$200 million to fraud resulting in more than \$200 millions.

MFCU continues to work with federal partners to recover stolen Medicaid funds and prevent millions of dollars in potential future fraud. In 2011, HHS certified the Florida MFCU as the first unit in the country with the authority to conduct data mining to find and stop Medicaid fraud. Now, the Florida MFCU is one of only nine units in the country with OIG approval to data mine billing practices of Medicaid providers, such as hospitals, doctors and pharmacies.

The HHS will present the Attorney General's MFCU with the award on June 12 at the 2017 Honor Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C.

Each year HHS OIG publishes a report highlighting statistical data of all Medicaid Fraud Control Units nationwide for the preceding federal fiscal year. To view the latest report, click here.

The Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes providers that intentionally defraud the state's Medicaid program through fraudulent billing practices. Medicaid fraud essentially steals from Florida's tax-payers. From Jan. 2011 to the present, Attorney General Bond's MFCU has obtained more than \$689 million in settlements and judgments. Additionally, the MFCU investigates allegations of patient abuse, neglect, and exploitation in facilities receiving payments under the Medicaid programs.

In all these cases... people plead guilty, none have gone to trial



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Attorney General Bondi's Weekly Briefing



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My MFCU continues to work tirelessly investigating and prosecuting health care providers in Florida who intentionally defraud our Medicaid program. Since I took office, my MFCU has obtained more than \$500 million in settlements and judgments. In addition to combating Medicaid fraud, which essentially steals from Florida's taxpayers, the unit investigates allegations of patient abuse, neglect and exploitation in Medicaid-funded facilities.

Working with our great local, state and federal partners, we will continue to investigate allegations of Medicaid fraud and hold those exploiting our health care programs accountable.



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SINCE THE FEDERAL JUDGE ORDERED MEDICAID, PAY FOR ABA THERAPIES,

MANY PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN ACCUSED.

THEY HAVE STOPPED THE PAYMENTS AND CLOSED PRIVATE SCHOOLS ...

IS ALL THIS A CASUALITY?

https://www.autismspeaks.org/advocacy/advocacy-news/order-directing-florida-medicaid-cover-aba-upheld-appeal

https://www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/docs/ASLRC/fl medicaid.pdf

https://thefloridabarfoundation.org/federal-judge-orders-state-of-florida-to-cover-applied-behavioral-analysis-therapy-for-autism/

Notice of Proposed Rule

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

KOLE NOV. ROLE III LE: SPG-4.12 Applied Behavior Analysis Services PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of Bulus 590-4.125, Florida Administrative Code, is to incorporate by reference the Florida Medicaled Behavior Analysis Services Coverage Policy. and revue the nule title. SUMDARAY: The incorporated coverage policy will specify recipient eligibility, provider requirements, service coverage, and reminisments afformation. The rule that is changed to Behavior Analysis Services.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: A checklist was prepared by the Agency to determine the need for a SERC. Based on this information at the time of the analysis and pursuant to section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the rule will not require

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.919 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409,906 FS. A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE. TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: November 2, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Devon Tran. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Devon Tran, Bureau of Medicaid Policy, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 20, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407, telephone: 850-412-4245, email: Devon.Tran@ahca.myflorida.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

59G-4.125 Behavior Analysis Services.

(1) This rule applies to all providers rendering Florida Medicaid behavior analysis services to recipients.

(2) All providers must be in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Medicaid Behavior Analysis Services Coverage Policy. incorporated by reference. The policy is available on the Agency for Health Care Administration's Web site at http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml, and at [DOS place holder

Rulemaking Authority 409 919 FS. Law Implemented 409 906 FS. History-New

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Devon Trans NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Elizabeth Dudek DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 27, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 30, 2014 MEDICIAD CHANGE THE NAME AND NOW IT'S BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS.

NOW IT'S ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MALADAPTATIVE BEHAVIOR

And discriminating against children who may or may not receive therapies, when a federal judge ordered them to be all children with Autism

Skip the order of the federal judge

Creating a system of Rewards, where this unit of Medicaid Fraud Control, is left with 50% of the seized



Those who report fraud may be entitled to a reward if they report a criminal case that results in a fine, penalty or forfeiture of property. To find out more, call the Attorney General at 1-866-966-7226. FS 409.9203 Rewards for reporting Medicaid fraud

112.3187 Adverse action against employee for disclosing information of specified nature prohibited; employee remedy and relief - may be cited as the "Whistle-blower's Act."

The 2016 Florida Statutes Title XXX View Entire Chapter Chapter 409 SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE 409.9203 Rewards for reporting Medicaid fraud.-(1) The Department of Law Enforcement or director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall, subject to availability of funds, pay a reward to a person who furnishes original information relating to and reports a violation of the state's Medicaid fraud laws, unless the person declines the reward, if the information and report: (a) Is made to the Office of the Attorney General, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health, or the Department of Law Enforcement; (b) Relates to criminal fraud upon Medicaid funds or a criminal violation of Medicaid laws by (c) Leads to a recovery of a fine, penalty, or to feiture of property. (2) The reward may not exceed the lesser of 25 ercent of the amount recovered or \$500,000 in a single case. (3) The reward shall be paid from the Operating Trust Fund from moneys collected pursuant to s. 68.085. (4) A person who receives a reward pursuant to this section is not eligible to receive any funds pursuant to the Florida False Claims Act for Medicaid fraud for which a reward is received pursuant to this section. (5) Notwithstanding s. 68.085(3), the 10 percent of any remaining proceeds deposited into the Operating Trust Fund from an action based on a claim of funds from the state Medicaid program shall be allocated in the following manner: (a) Fifty percent of such moneys shall be used to fund rewards for reporting Medicaid fraud pursuant to this section. (b) The remaining 50 percent of such moneys shall be used by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to fund its investigations of potential violations of s. 68.082 and any related civil actions. History.-s. 20, ch. 2009-223; s. 2, ch. 2013-207; s. 3, ch. 2015-92.



In these two cases already tried, it already shows that the actions of suspension of payments and fraud are illegal

http://tallahasseereports.com/2017/05/09/playbig-fights-back-and-wins/

Even the DOAH judge, Garnett Chisenhall, remarked in the Jan. 27, 2017 order (paragraph 116): "The search warrant contains no information about what information led the circuit court judge to sign the warrant. In fact, the search warrant does not even enumerate MFCU's allegations against Petitioners [PlayBig]."

That afternoon, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), according to court documents, acted without any evidence and only the words of MFCU investigators, when it suspended PlayBig's Medicaid benefits.

PlayBig owners promptly retained legal counsel and requested formal administrative hearings. On May 12, 2016, the case was referred to DOAH for hearing.

Claiming concern that the hearing would force AHCA to disclose information and compromise MFCU's ongoing criminal investigation, AHCA reinstated PlayBig's ability to bill Medicaid on May 18.

According to paragraph 97 of the DOAH order, "AHCA's lifting of the payment suspension amounted to an unconditional surrender."

It also prompted a petition by PlayBig to recoup attorney fees.

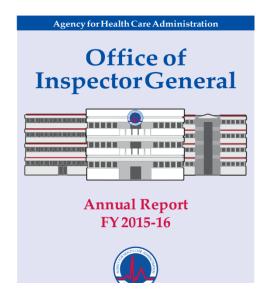
https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2018/04/16/judge-drops-charges-against-playbig-co-owner/520371002/

A judge in Tallahassee has dismissed Medicaid fraud charges against a former owner of PlayBig Therapy, finding that the case hinged on alleged violations of state agency rules, not criminal statutes

Fitzpatrick wrote that AHCA is free to adopt Medicaid program requirements and enforce them through the administrative process. But, he said in the ruling, the agency "may not criminalize behavior and subject persons to criminal penalties based on mere violations of administrative rules."

"Any criminal prosecution must be based on the language of a statute adopted by the Legislature," he wrote. "Anything less than that would allow unelected bureaucrats from an administrative agency to adopt rules which would subject citizens of this state to criminal prosecutions for behaviors that are clearly not prohibited by an appropriately adopted criminal statute. Florida's Constitution simply does not allow this behavior."

Look in this report as they send the prepayment review letter to 165 providers



Prevention

MPI Prevention includes three units, two of which predominately focus on on-site provider reviews and prevention projects. One of the three units is located in the Agency's Miami Area Office and takes a lead responsibility for field operations in South Florida. The second unit includes staff based in Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tampa (JOT) and is managed out of the Agency's Tampa Area Office. The third unit, located in Tallahassee, provides guidance, research, support to the other Agency divisions, and assists with complex investigations related to fraud prevention.

Through mid-May 2016, MPI conducted many on-site field initiatives, some of which are described below.



Applied Behavior Analysis Services – Identified providers not in compliance with Medicaid policy and ensured that appropriate ordered services were provided to Medicaid recipients.

https://ahca.myflorida.com/Executive/Inspector_General/docs/OIGAnnualReports/2015-16-AHCA-OIG-Annual-Report.pdf

They send you the letter of prepayment review the providers, will have 90 days without being able to collect, and I have seen cases where after 90 days they tell you in another letter that they send you more information, and they are 90 days more without being able to collect.

Supposedly "legally" are ruining many Medicaid providers

Additionally, the Tallahassee-based Prevention Unit is responsible for the referrals made to MFCU and related payment restrictions. Payment restrictions include the "pending" of claims in the Medicaid claims processing system for one or more specific, legally-authorized purposes.

Claims may be pended due to enrollment issues, claim processing issues, or other administrative matters handled by the Medicaid Bureau of Fiscal Agent Operations (FAO). Claims may also be pended at the direction of another bureau (via notice to FAO) and are typically due to an investigation by MPI. Typical pends or payment restrictions used by MPI include:



- (1) prepayment review (PPR) consistent with s. 409.913(3), F.S.;
- (2) a payment withhold following a determination that there exists reliable evidence of circumstances related to fraud or abuse (referred to as a "25A withhold") consistent with s. 409.913(25)(a), F.S.; or
- (3) a payment suspension following a determination that there are credible allegations of fraud (referred to as a "CAF payment suspension") consistent with 42 CFR 455.23.



Through mid-May 2016, MPI imposed approximately 80 CAF payment suspensions, approximately 30 25A withholds, and approximately 165 PPRs. Also during this time, there have been approximately 170 provider referrals to MECU a substantial increase over prior years.

A letter like this is sent to providers for the prepayment review

------ Forwarded message ------

From: LeBlanc, Courtney < Courtney.LeBlanc@ahca.myflorida.com > Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 2:12 PM

Subject: RE: Pre-payment Review

To: Judith Benech < <u>ibenech.abatherapy@gmail.com</u>>
Cc: "Brady, Gloria" < <u>Gloria.Brady@ahca.myflorida.com</u>>

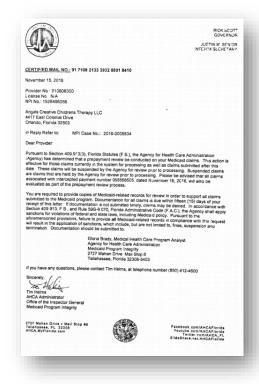
Good afternoon.

Your Medicaid provider number was placed on pre-payment review on Tuesday and the notification letter was placed in the mail on the same day. You should be receiving the letter soon with the instructions to follow. Gloria Brady is the analyst assigned to conduct your pre-payment review. Any questions you have regarding what documentation she needs to conduct her review should be referred to her. Thank you.

Courtney LeBlanc

Management Review Specialist Agency for Health Care Administration Office of Inspector General Medicaid Program Integrity





409.913 (3) Florida Statute

The agency may conduct, or may contract for, prepayment review of provider claims to ensure cost-effective purchasing; to ensure that billing by a provider to the agency is in accordance with applicable provisions of all Medicaid rules, regulations, handbooks, and policies and in accordance with federal, state, and local law; and to ensure that appropriate care is rendered to Medicaid recipients. Such prepayment reviews may be conducted as determined appropriate by the agency, without any suspicion or allegation of fraud, abuse, or neglect, and may last for up to 1 year. Unless the agency has reliable evidence of fraud, misrepresentation, abuse, or neglect, claims shall be adjudicated for denial or payment within 90 days after receipt of complete documentation by the agency for review. If there is reliable evidence of fraud, misrepresentation, abuse, or neglect, claims shall be adjudicated for denial of payment within 180 days after receipt of complete documentation by the agency for review.

These letters are signed by Tim Helms, and Gloria Brady Here are eight points to deny the claims



RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

JUSTIN M. SENIOR SECRETARY

CERTIFIED MAIL NO .: 91 7199 9991 7033 6507 5569

February 7, 2017

Provider No.: 010808300 NPI No.: 1528496056

Angels Creative Childrens Therapy LLC 4417 E Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32803 PAID \$0.00

DENIED \$1,276,600.00

In Reply Refer to: MPI Case No.: 2016-0006834

Dear Provider:

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency), Office of the Inspector General/Medicaid Program Integrity, has completed the review of the claims that were submitted to Florida Medicaid by your office. Attached is a report that indicates the disposition of those claims. For the denied claims, the reasons for denial include:

- Recipient address of record in
- Miami, service location in Orlando

 Billing for ABA services in a group
- setting is not allowable
 No documentation submitted
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 Paid on previous Remittance
- Services provided by unqualified
- rendering provider
- Documentation does not justify number of units billed
- Duplicated claims
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Please note that the claims that were at issue during this prepayment review remain subject to further audit by the Agency. The fact that claims may have paid does not preclude them from being disallowed in any future audits. Furthermore, you are advised that you should continue to maintain documentation regarding these claims in accordance with applicable provisions of law.

Medicaid claims for your provider number will continue to be suspended for prepayment review. You must continue to submit documentation for claims to the individual below so that we can complete the review and expedite appropriate payments.

Gloria E. Brady, Medical Health Care Program Analyst
- Agency for Health Care Administration
Medicaid Program Integrity
2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #6
Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5403
Email: Gloria Brady@ahoa.myflorida.com

Angels Creative Children erapy LLC Provider No.: 010808300 February 7, 2017 Page 2

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance during this review period. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email Gloria E. Brady at the address above.

Sincerely,

Tim Helms, MHSc, LDO AHCA Administrator Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Program Integrity

Enclosure(s)-spreadsheet of denied claims

Look how much
they insist that the
initial complaint was
from
Micah's father
the day
November/01

Narrative Detail:

On 11/1/16 I, Investigator Sommersdorf, spoke with stated that he wrote the letter of complaint regarding his son, sent to the Attorney Generals Office.

via phone. that was

The initial complaint that came into Medicaid Fraud was based on a family's review of their Explanation of Benefits (EOB). M.J-B. was diagnosed with autism by age 3. Based on an award of a McKay scholarship, M.J-B was removed from public school and enrolled in "Angel's Center for Autism", a private school. Because the family had 4-5 years of experience dealing with autism and the Medicaid system, they were caught off guard when reviewing the EOB. The father of M.J-B., Daniel Jean-Baptiste wrote, "We became concerned when we saw the Medicaid statement for the previous month totaling \$8,248.65 for ABA services at the new school we had our son registered in. This gave us grave cause for concern because they originally told us that our son would be receiving 30 minutes to 1 hour of ABA therapy (if needed) throughout the school day. He had only been at this particular school location for the span of about one month, and yet they've managed to charge over \$8,000 in ABA services."

Narrative Detail:

On 11/15/16 I, Investigator Sommersdorf, conducted surveillance on Heaven Academy at 2807 Edgewater Dr. Orlando, FL 32804. I watched the facility from 08:00am until 10:00am. During that time frame, I observed various private vehicles enter the parking lot with only adults entering the business. At approximately 09:30am, three large passenger vans arrived at the business. I was able to observe 3-4 children on one of the vans but could not see how many occupants were on the other vehicles. License plates for two of the vans were obtained and both came back as registered to "Angels Center for Autism, 4417 E. Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL 32803"

Since they entered the email of Judith and these emails are not but we had taken copy to all the emails we had with them

And here you can see that since **September 15** we were sending everything they asked us, by fax and email

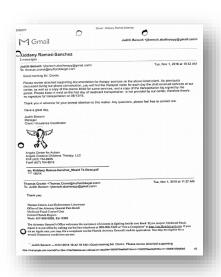
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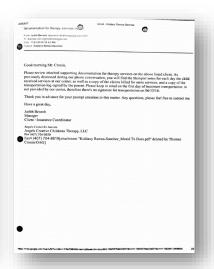
The day 16 of Nov they sent us the letter of Prepayment Review

These Emails also disappeared from Judith's email account when they entered in March, but in February we had copied them

Thomas Cronin <Thomas.Cronin@myfloridalegal.com>
To: Judith Benech <jbenech.abatherapy@gmail.com>
Thank you.

Thomas Cronin, Law Enforcement Lieutenant
Office of the Attomey General Pam Bondi
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Central Florida Region
Work: 407-999-5588, Ext 5368





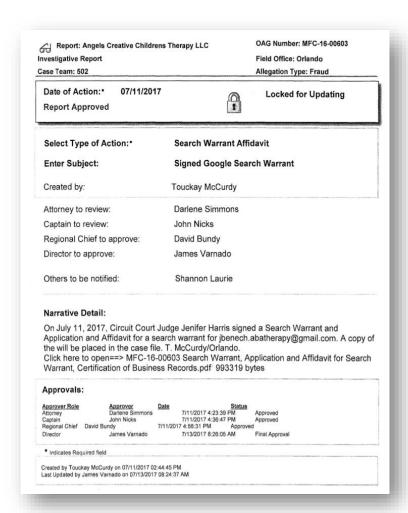


In the evidences of the investigative notes McCurdy lies saying:



Benech used her email account, jBenech.abatherapy@gmail.com, to communicate with Lieutenant Thomas Cronin of MFCU. On December 21, 2016. Lt. Cronin received an email from Benech (jBenech.abatherapy@gmail.com) regarding the investigation of Angels. Benech inquired when Angels would start receiving payments from AHCA. This email followed three separate phone calls from Benech following up on payments from AHCA. Angels had been placed on prepaid review by AHCA and denied claims by Angels for \$1,447,233.55 because of discrepancies in AHCA's review of billing submitted by Benech. Ultimately, AHCA paid \$4,968.00 of the denied claims. The reason given by AHCA for denial of claims were that there were overlapping

NOW ONLY SAYS IN THE REPORT THAT WAS FOR AN OVERLAPPING TIMES



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The investigator Touckay Mccurdy falsely informed her superiors that the reason for denying the bills for 1.447.233,55 was only an overlapping times, when they denied the claims for eight false reasons



G Report: Angels Creative Ch Investigative Report Case Team: 502	illdrens Therapy LLC		OAG Number: MFC-18-00603 Field Office: Orlando Allegation Type: Fraud	
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Enter Subject:	Billing during	Billing during outside therapy		
Created by:	John DiMaria	John DiMaria		
Reviewed by:	Touckey McCi	Touckey McCurdy		
Others to be notified:		Shannon Laurie Dartene Simmons		
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On July 11 Mccurdy, says that only has evidence of Ariana and Keiralys, were overlapping that was given by Mariana

Touckay Mccurdy:

Angels was reviewed, it was discovered that on dates that recipients went to Dr. Herman, Angels continued to bill as if the recipients were still at Angels for the entire day. Two Medicaid recipients, A.G. and K.A. were clients of Angels and Dr. Herman. A.G. was billed for 107 instances for double billing of \$3,612.15 to Medicaid. K.A. was billed for 107 instances of double billing adding up to \$7,100.10.

On June 13 Dimaria says that the amount of overlapping was \$ 55.237,95, they contradict her statements

John Dimaria:

There were 27 recipients with duplicate billing. Herman & Associates billed for .5 to 3 hours of therapy per day on 1,462 encounters. The total time billed by Angels Creative for hours that the recipient was at Herman & Associates is 1,334.25 hours for \$55,237.95. jdimaria >

My former lawyer has among the evidence that the investigators sent him the IP addresses of those who entered my emails and the date they entered.

Deleting the emails that were my proofs, and for which they did not have an order to enter.

Now he tells me that this is not important and that he can not show me

They entered our mail from March, erasing thousands of email,

where we warned Mariana to remove the hours of therapy where Dr Herman.

None of the other receptionists towards this

would put down the hours. If a child went to Herman & Associates, Romero was never told to reduce the hours. Herman & Associates therapist would check the children in and out of Angels at the front desk, assisted by either Romero or "Erica". The log was kept at the front desk. After November 2016, "Erica" would reduce attendance hours by the time spent at Herman & Associates. Before November 2016, the attendance hours did not include the reduced hours for the children going to Herman & Associates. Romero was also responsible for managing the employee files, student files and collecting paperwork. Maria Navarro and Ivan Ruiz took over the files. Romero did not do anything with the therapy logs. Romero did transfer notes from Catalyst to Clinic Source. Maria Navarro told Romero to put in 32 units for therapy and that this included the bus time. Vicnan Torres also told Romero the same thing. Romero also laid out the bus routes but Maria Navarro would change the routes.

Romero once again stated that the school hours for Angels were 8 something in the morning until 3:30 pm. The RBT hours included the bus drivers. Judith Benech explained to Romero that the billing was for group therapy and included the bus hours, adding up to 8 hours a day.

Now they say that they want permission on July 11, and since March they had entered and **erased us the emails**

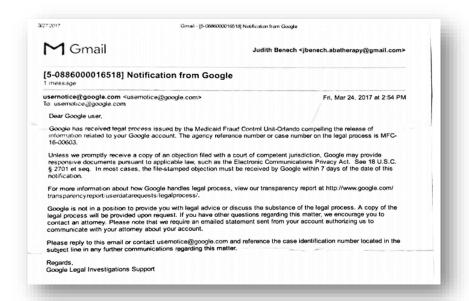
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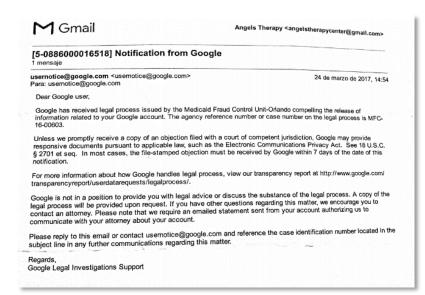
On July 11, 2017, Circuit Court Judge Jenifer Harris signed a Search Warrant and Application and Affidavit for a search warrant for jbenech.abatherapy@gmail.com. A copy of the will be placed in the case file. T. McCurdy/Orlando.

Click here to open==> MFC-16-00603 Search Warrant, Application and Affidavit for Search Warrant, Certification of Business Records.pdf 993319 bytes

These are the ads that google sent us on Mar 24, 2017,

The previous lawyer said that he did not worry that they could not enter and they would not do anything to me with that, but they erased my emails





This report shows that Agent McCurdy, who when her boss captain Tilley, accuses her of an illegal search warrant, She report to him for discrimination.

The captain Tilley, can declare as a Witness



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
Office of Inspector General

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

ASE NUMBER: 2013-071-IA

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY: Jerome Worley, Director of Investigations

DATES COVERED: FROM: March 26, 2013 TO: June 24, 2013

CASE COMPLAINANT(S): Melissa Fannin, Lieutenant

Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (AB&T)

Orlando District Office

CASE SUBJECT(S): Rodney Tilley, Law Enforcement Captain

AB&T Orlando District Office

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Lieutenant Melissa Fannin, AB&T Orlando

The following information reflects Lieutenant Fannin's paraphrased testimony:

- Lieutenant Fannin witnesses Captain Tilley telephone Agent McCurdy to commend her for her work on a search warrant and called Agent McCurdy his "special Asian."
- Lieutenant Fannin took part in Human Resource Manager Michele Seabrooks' survey on January 17, 2013. Lieutenant Fannin stated that out of fear of retaliation, she answered "no" to the questions related to witnessing any conduct that made her feel uncomfortable and related to hearing racial comments.
- Lieutenant Fannin stated that "out of fear" she did not report any incidents of misconduct she either witnessed or that were reported to her, until she received the written complaints in her in box.

They charged us with fraud over \$50,000, when, according to McCurdy's investigative notes, they only had evidence of an overlapping of less than \$ 20,000. so they could not formulate those charge

In the evidences of the investigative notes McCurdy lies saying:

Angels had been placed on prepaid review by AHCA and denied claims by Angels for \$1,447,233.55 because of discrepancies in AHCA's review of billing submitted by Benech. Ultimately, AHCA paid \$4,968.00 of the denied claims. The reason given by AHCA for denial of claims were that there were overlapping times for the services rendered to Angels clients and the employee timesheets were not consistent with the service notes.

Two Medicaid recipients, A.G. and K.A. were clients of Angels and Dr. Herman.

A.G. was billed for 107 instances for double billing of \$3,612.15 to Medicaid.

K.A. was billed for 107 instances of double billing adding up to \$7,100.10.

59G-9.070 Administrative Sanctions on Providers, Entities, and Persons.

(1) Purpose: This rule provides notice of administrative sanctions imposed upon a provider, entity, or person for each violation of any Medicaid-related law.

- (q) "Violation" means any omission or act performed by a provider, entity, or person that is contrary to Medicaid laws, the laws
- that govern the provider's profession, or the Medicaid provider agreement.

 1. For purposes of this rule, each day that an ongoing violation continues and each instance of an act or omission contrary to a Medicaid law, a law that governs the provider's profession or the Medicaid provider agreement shall be considered a "separate
- preceding five years will be counted where the provider, entity, or person was deemed to have committed the same violation.

 3. The failure to comply with a corrective action plan constitutes a violation and is an ongoing violation for each day following the deadline for submission of the corrective action plan that the failure continues.
- 4. For purposes of determining a violation regarding including as unaillowed cost in a cost report (paragraph (7)(k) and Section 409.913(13)(k), F.S.), if the unaillowed cost or costs are the subject of an administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S., inclusion of the administrative processing the cost of the
- 5. For purposes of violations under paragraph (7)(n) of this rule regarding purchase shortages (as opposed to shortages of time), each good found to be short, by units of each type of goods, such as each tablet of a particular drug, is a violation. 6. For purposes of violations under paragraph (7)(q) of this rule (generally, non-payment on a payment plan) a second, third, or subsequent offense occurs when there has been a prior violation on any repayment agreement.
- (4) Limits on sanctions. (a) Where a sanction is applied for violations of Medicaid laws (under paragraph (7)(e) of this rule), for a pattern of erroneous claims (under paragraph (?)(h) of this rule), or shortages of goods (under paragraph (?)(h) of this rule) and the violations are a "first offener" as set forth in this rule, if the cumulative amount of the fine to be imposed as a result of the violations giving rise to that overpayment exceeds twenty-specient of the amount of the overpayment fine final table bad quitted to twenty-speciate of the amount of the special control of the special of the violations giving rise to that overpayment control to twenty-special of the amount of the special control of the special c
- (b) Where a sanction is applied for violations of Medicaid laws (under paragraph (7)(e) of this rule), for a pattern of erroneous claims (under paragraph (7)(h) of this rule), or shortages of goods (under paragraph (7)(n) of this rule) and the violations are a "second offense" as set forth in this rule, if the cumulative amount of the fine to be imposed as a result of the violations giving rise to that overpayment exceeds forty-percent of the amount of the overpayment, the fine shall be adjusted to forty-percent of the
- amount of the overpayment. (c) Where a sanction is applied for violations of Medicaid laws (under paragraph (7)(e) of this rule), for a pattern of erroneous claims (under paragraph (70k) of this rule), or shorteges of goods (under paragraph (70k) of this rule), or shorteges of goods (under paragraph (70k) of this rule) and the violations are a "hind" or "subsequent" offense, if the cumulative amount of the fine for violations giving rise to the overpayment exceeds fifty— percent of the amount off the overpayment, the fine shall be adjusted to fifty—percent of the amount of the overpayment of the control that overpayment overpayment of the control that overpayment overpayment overpayment of the control that overpayment overpayment overpayment overpayment overpayment of the control that overpayment over
- where the violations are a "second offense" as set forth in this rule, the cumulative amount of the fine shall not exceed \$50,000; where the violations are a "third or subsequent offense" as set forth in this rule, there are no limits on the cumulative amount of the
- (e) Where a sanction would apply pursuant to this rule, no sanction will be imposed if the Agency has instituted an amnesty pursuant to Section 409.913(25)(e), F.S.
- (5) Mandatory termination or suspension: Whenever the Agency is required to terminate or suspend participation in the Medicaid program and the required period of time for the exclusion exceeds one year, the sanction of termination shall apply.
- (6) Additional requirements regarding suspension and termination:
 (a) For purposes of this rule a "suspension" precludes participation for one year, or such shorter period of time as is set forth in
- this rule. The suspension period begins from the date of the Final Order that imposes the Agency action.

 1. To resume participation following the suspension period, a written request must be submitted to the Agency, Bureau of Medicad Program Integrity, seeking to be reinstanted in the Medicaid program. The request must include a copy of the notice of suspension, and a statement regarding whether the violation(s) that brought rise to the suspension have been remedied. If the provider, entity, or person was not enrolled in the Medicaid program at the time of the suspension, the request must also include a complete and accurate provider enrollment application, even if the person or entity seeks only to prescribe or otherwise order or

(d) Where the audit report does not include an overpayment determination, it only applies a sanction, and where a fine is assessed for violations that are a "first offense" as set forth in this rule, the cumulative amount of the fine shall not exceed \$20,000; where the violations are a "second offense" as set forth in this rule, the cumulative amount of the fine shall not exceed \$50,000; where the violations are a "third or subsequent offense" as set forth in this rule, there are no limits on the cumulative amount of the fine to be applied.

As Judith told them that **we were going to continue as a school**, the only option to take away our licenses was to take ours to jail

Narrative Detail:

On 12/16/16 Lieutenant Cronin, Analyst Dimaria and I, Investigator Sommersdorf conducted a records Inspection of Angels Creative Childrens Therapy LLC(Angels) at 4417 E. Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL 32803. This was the second Records Inspection of the business.

Information received from business employees was that because of Medicaid funding being with held from Angels, the business may not re-open following the Winter break(1/4/17).

Judith Benech, the Office Manager for Angels, had been preparing documentation to send to AHCA to re-establish Medicaid funding. Benech and the owner of Angels, Maria Navarro, collected the records requested and turned them over to us. Benech revealed that if the Medicaid funding could not be re-established, the therapy portion of Angels would be



closed down but the "school" portion would remain operational.

Angels schedule matches the Orange County Public School calendar and will be closed at the end of business, 12/16/16 until school is back in session on 1/4/17.

A USB thumb drive with the collected information was turned over to Medicaid investigators and will be attached to the record. t.sommersdorf/orlando

The Florida Department of Education, sent us this letter that we have to **return all the money** from the scholarships



Pam Stewart Commissioner of Education

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February 17, 2017

VIA CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL

Angels Center for Autism (8319) Attn: Maria Navarro 4417 E. Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32803

Re: Administrative Complaint – Immediate Suspension and Revocation of Scholarship Program Eligibility and Payments

Dear Private School Administrator:

As explained in the enclosed Administrative Complaint, scholarship payments to Angels Center for Autism are immediately suspended, and the school's eligibility to participate in the McKay, Florida Tax Credit and Gardiner Scholarship Programs is being revoked. The reasons for the revocation and means to challenge this decision are identified therein.

Once the referenced administrative action becomes final, parents of enrolled scholarship students will be notified of your school's ineligibility to participate in the scholarship program. Scholarship students will be required to transfer to another participating private school to maintain scholarship eligibility.

If you have any questions related to Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program requirements, please contact the School Choice information hotline at 800-447-1636, or visit our website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org

Sincerely.

Pam Stewart

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cc: Step Up for Students A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation The second secon

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On October 6, 2016, the Department received a Formal Complaint indicating Angels we allowing schelarship students carolled at Angels to attend Hussen Academy's physical location at 2007 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, H. 23844. In the Fernal Complaint, the complaints received an emplaint part of the Renech in which Beneeft provided a list of students who, by his admission, were centrally carolled at Herven Academy. Department records indicate at leaven of shoes sinches were enrolled at Angles and participating in other MSA; or Glodina After the Dynamics investigation for complexing, the documents proceed by Angles' did conclusively above violation of the applicable nature. However, it is interested with Min Naturar dusting the document interesting Glossian interregional control of the Angles of the Angle

Scotion 1002.39(7), Florida Statutes, governing the Jelm M. McKey Scholmship for Students with Dissbillites Program, and Section 1002.39(11), Florida Statutes, governing the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, provide, in part:

The Commissioner of Education:

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Sections 1002.957/k/(2) and 1002.995(11)(s)(3). Flirida Statates, further provide that the Commissioner may immediately suspend payments to a private school if fundatent activity on the part of the school is suspected.

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Additionally, as a result of the investigation conducted by the Addonsty Ossens, the Department has concluded that Angels has been operating in a manusc century in the health, and the state of the contract of the contract that the contract of the contrac

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to section 120.569, 120.57, 100.39(7), and 100.29(11), Firrids Station yare entitled to dispate this decision through legal administrative procedures and to be represented by earned ce other qualified representatives. If you with to do so, you must make a written acquest for an administrative boaring in accordance with the previous of Chapter 28-10. Florida Administrative Cold. The without require must be received by the Department's agent

he written request must be submitted to:

Cathy Schroeder, Agency Clerk Department of Education 325 West Gaines Street, Room 1514 Tallahansee, Florida 32399-0400

If the written request is not received by the Department within 15 days of receipt of this distribution will walve the opportunity to centes the decision through administrative proceedings and the Commissioner of Education will issue a final order, subject only to judicial review pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes, Pursuant to section 120.573, Florida Statutes,

and on this 20 day of Texturary 2017.

The department of education sent us a false check, from a child who had another scholarship



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October 5, 2016

ANGELS CENTER FOR AUTISM (8319) ATTN: MARIA D NAVARRO MARTIN 4417 E. COLONIAL DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32803

RE: Return of Scholarship Funds

Dear Private School Administrator:

The Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice is committed to admini scholarship programs with the utmost integrity. This involves both the support and cooperation of participating private schools.

Our records indicate that scholarship payment(s) were issued during the 2016-17 school year for student(s) that were not enrolled in your school for the minimum of ten school days during the specified payment period.

According to department procedures, if a scholarship student does not attend the participating private school for ten or more school days during the payment period, the scholarship funds for that payment period must be returned to the department. The affected student(s) and payment details are listed below.

Student Name ELIJAH CRUZ Payment Period

Withdrawal Date 8/15/2016

Pmt Amount \$1,482.50

Private schools are responsible for the return of all scholarship funds to the department that are received in error. We realize this may have been an administrative oversight and kindly ask for you to return a cashier's check or the original warrant in the amount of \$1,482.50 to the following address.

Florida Department of Education Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Attn: Kate Goff 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1044 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

In addition to the return of funds, the department requires a written letter of explanation to accompany the return of funds detailing the circumstances as to why the aforementioned student(s) were recommended for payment to your school as well as how the payment(s) were deposited.

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ANGELS CENTER FOR AUTISM (8319)

October 5, 2016

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Failure to return the funds due back to the department within 30 days of this written request shall result in the initiation of noncompliance procedures. If you have any questions or have information showing that the student(s) in question were in attendance at your school, please contact Kate Goff at (850) 245-0872.

We thank you for your interest in improving K-12 education choice options for Florida's students.

Sincerely,

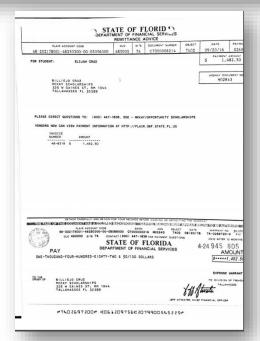
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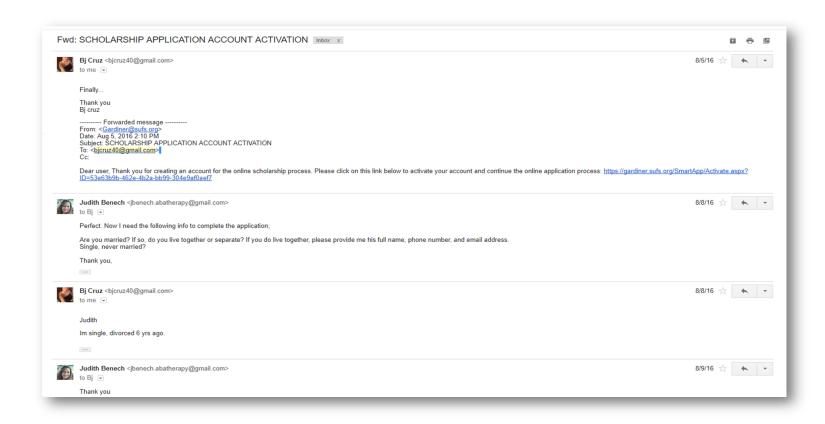


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Now look.

There was a mother Billie Jo Cruz, who told us more than 20 times, she wanted to work with us....

And Judith is getting her STEP UP Scholarship for her son since August





This is the letter they refer to in the alleged Orlando Sentinel investigation



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October 28, 2016

Angels Center for Autism (8319) Attn: Maria D Navarro Martin 4417 E. Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32803

Dear Ms. Maria Navarro Martin:

Our records indicate that Angels Center for Autism (8319) participates in the Gardiner Scholarship Program, McKay Scholarship Program and the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program providing services to eligible students pursuant to sections 1002.385, 1002.39, 1002.395, and 1002.421, Florida Statutes.

It has been brought to our attention that Angel's Center for Autism may be in violation of the laws governing the state school choice scholarship programs. As evidence of compliance with program requirements, please provide the following documents:

- Evidence of restrictive endorsement procedures for handling McKay Scholarship checks (a stamp for the checks or other verifiable evidence);
- Attendance records verifying that the following individuals attended Angel's Center for Autism during the 2016-2017 school year:
 - Jayden Hernandez
 - Micah Jean-Baptiste
 - Joseph Lopez
 - Jacob Munoz
 - Amaurie Jones

Please respond via certified mail to Ariella Senzamici by November 12, 2016. To ensure your continued participation in the scholarship programs, it is essential you respond to this request in a

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Adam Miller, Executive Director
Office of Independent Education & Parental Choice
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1044 | Tallahassee, Ft. 32399-0406 | 850-245-0502

Sincerely,

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Laura Mazyck

Director of Scholarship Programs and Home Education Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

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November 16, 2016

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Angels Center for Autism (8319) Attn: Maria D Navarro Martin 4417 E. Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32803

Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you for submitting the documentation requested by this office. We have reviewed the documentation and closed the inquiry on Angels Center for Autism. We see no need to take further action at this time.

We appreciate your assistance and continued participation as we work to improve the quality of educational options for Florida students. If you have any questions, please contact Articla Senzamici at \$50-245-0761.

Sincerely

Laura Mazyck

Director of Scholarship Programs and Home Education Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

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Schools Without Rules: An Orlando Sentinel Investigation

Florida private schools rake in nearly \$1 billion in state scholarships with little oversight. Part 1 of 3 Parts

By Leslie Postal, Beth Kassab and Annie Martin Staff Writers

http://www.orlandosentinel.com/features/education/os-florida-school-voucher-investigation-1018-htmlstory.html

At the now-closed Heaven Academy, a school for students with autism, a teacher wrote to the state in October of 2016, questioning whether one of the school's owners was misusing state scholarships and Medicaid money and whether the owner had state approval to hold classes on Heaven's Orlando campus — which was not authorized to receive scholarships. The owner also ran Angels Center for Autism, an Orange County school that was approved to take scholarships.

The education department requested some documents from Angels but did not ask if it had opened the Heaven campus and took no action against the school, where 99 scholarship students attended. Angels took in more than \$706,000 in scholarship money last school year.

Four months later, police arrested that owner and school office manager, accusing them of stealing more than \$4.5 million in Medicaid funds from student accounts. Only then did the department revoke the school's scholarships, citing the arrests and the use of an unauthorized school site, which the teacher tipped off the department about months earlier. The department, in a document written after the arrests, said it did not act earlier because it had nothing to "conclusively show" violations of state law.

The office manager has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing. The arrested owner, Maria Navarro Martin, has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

We are very surprised that this mother said that, and in two statements to the news

http://www.orlandosentinel.com/features/education/school-zone/os-orange-closed-school-autism-20170210-story.html

Billie Jo Cruz, whose son is 7, said school leaders told her she needed to quickly fork over \$1,600 last December to Heaven Academy or her son wouldn't be allowed to continue attending.

"I did what any parent would do — this is my son's education," Cruz said. "I took my mortgage money and paid the \$1,600." We have never charged parents anything

Cruz said school leaders told her at the time that Step Up For Students would reimburse her, but she later learned that the organization couldn't do that. About the same time, she realized the school had billed Medicaid for services they hadn't provided for her son and questioned the charges.

Soon, the school told Cruz they had decided to "dis-enroll" her son because she had failed to sign documents in time. She's homeschooling her son now.



If your child is in homeschooling.... because she says that a charter school UCP of central Florida (formerly United Cerebral Palsy), do a good job meeting that demand.

http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-florida-schools-voucher-accountability-20170228-story.html

Just ask Billie Jo Cruz.

Last summer, Cruz was searching for a school to help her 6-year-old son, Elijah, who had been recently diagnosed with autism.

When she found the Heaven Academy in College Park, it seemed perfect with promises of specialized education, therapy and even transportation. "It sounded wonderful," she said. "They said everything that a parent of any child would want to hear."

But soon, things seemed off. Elijah wasn't getting the therapy he'd been promised. Cruz couldn't get proof that his teachers were certified to teach or that his bus driver had passed a background check. She said she learned that one of the administrators had just graduated high school.

Cruz, who described herself as a "pro-active parent" who visited the school every week, couldn't get answers to basic questions. She said the last straw came when she saw an invoice for therapy services her son never received.

After she refused to authorize the payment, Cruz said the school kicked out her son.

A few weeks later, the attorney general's office arrested the owner and office manager, accusing them of milking Medicaid of millions, largely for "one-to-one therapy ... the children rarely, if ever, received."

As the Sentinel's Annie Martin reported, the state accused the school's owner of using Medicaid money to buy cars, go on shopping sprees and take vacations in New York, Las Vegas and Curacao.

Attorney General Pam Bondi called the actions "despicable."

It certainly sounds that way. But it also says a lot about the lack of accountability that it could ever get this far. After all, the Florida Department of Education didn't stop all this. Criminal investigators did.

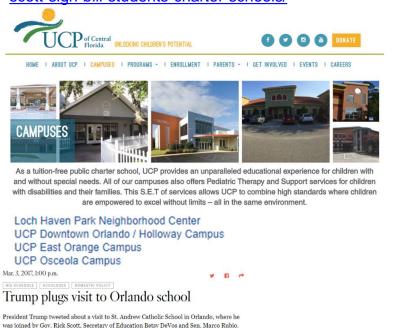
I believe there's a place for choice, especially for special-needs kids. Traditional public schools aren't filling all the needs. And some charter schools, like UCP of Central Florida (formerly United Cerebral Palsy), do a good job meeting that demand.

But as UCP CEO Ilene Wilkins notes, her charter school faces many checks and balances that private schools that accept state vouchers do not — including on-site visits from county school officials, written education plans and inspection of the school's financial reports and testing data.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rick_Scott

Governor Rick Scott Announces Proposed \$100 Million for Florida Charter Schools in the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING"

http://miami.cbslocal.com/2017/06/15/florida-gov-scott-sign-bill-students-charter-schools/



Donald J. Trump ②

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We must fix our education system for our kids to Make America Great Again. Wonderful day at Saint Andrew in Orlando.





Many other lawmakers stocked the budget with projects, but Scott spiked them, too, for water and sewer improvements, libraries, museums, softball fields, industrial parks, after-school programs and grants to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Goodwill Industries, Junior Achievement, Special Olympics and United Cerebral Palsy.

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Look how many schools for children with disabilities have been denounced and closed for the same









http://lwveducation.com/rotten-to-the-core-cheating-children/

http://www.miaminewtimes.com/news/mckay-scholarship-the-fraud-hall-of-shame-6530988

More than 26 schools for children with disabilities falsely accused of scholarship fraud

1. Florida Christian Institute for Academic Excellence

County: Lee

McKay cash received: \$6.8 million

Fraud: Collected money for student who was no longer enrolled, apparent signature forgery

Still around: No

2. Leadership Academy

County: Broward

McKay cash: \$6.5 million

Fraud: Payments for at least ten students who didn't go to the school, more forgery, no proper school building, staffers with criminal records

Still around: No

3. Agape Christian Academy

County: Orange

McKay cash: \$5 million

Fraud: Summer school payments for students who didn't attend summer

Still around: Yes

4. Aukela Christian Military Academy

County: Broward

McKay cash: \$4.9 million

Fraud: Payments for at least ten students who didn't go to the school, more

forgery

Still around: Yes

13. Heritage Academy

County: Leon

McKay cash: \$753k

Fraud: Purged

Still around: Unknown

14. Paladin Academy

County: Miami-Dade

McKay cash: \$1 million

Fraud: Cashing McKay checks without parent signatures

Still around: No, but its parent company, Pennsylvania-based Nobel Learning Communities, is still kicking.

15. Community Learning Institute

County: Gadsden

McKay cash: \$893k

Fraud: Payments for students who were incarcerated or otherwise no longer at the school

Still around: Yes

16. Muskateer's Academy

County: Miami-Dade

McKay cash: \$794k

Fraud: Stole students' McKay information from other schools, used it to falsely enroll them at Muskateer's

Still around: No

5. Success Academy

County: Duval

McKay cash: \$4.8 million

Fraud: Payments for at least 52 students who actually went to public school

Still around: Yes

6. Academy High School

County: Broward

McKay cash: \$3.7 million

Fraud: Payments for at least 13 students who didn't go to the school, $\hat{\ }$

Still around: No

7. Hope Academy

County: Miami-Dade

McKay cash: \$2.8 million

Fraud: Staffers with criminal records including grand theft, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and the sale of marijuana

Still around: Yes

8. Center of Life Academy

County: Miami-Dade

McKay cash: \$2.2 million

Fraud: Payments for students who were no longer at the school, forgery

Still around: Yes

17. Heritage Christian Academy

County: Putnam

McKay cash: \$349k

Fraud: Accepting funds for tutoring and group therapy, despite not providing those services

Still around: Yes

18. Wesley Chapel Christian School

County: Pasco

McKay cash: \$490k

Fraud: Payments for at least ten students who didn't go to the school, more forgery

Still around: Unknown

19. Alfie's Center For Performing Arts

County: Duval

McKay cash: \$344k

Fraud: Purged

Still around: No

20. Academy of Dreams

County: Hillsborough

McKay cash: \$312k

Fraud: Owner, who had criminal record including kidnapping and witness tampering, used frontwoman to register school

Still around: No

9. CHC Private Schools 1

County: Brevard

McKay cash: \$2 million

Fraud: Report purged

Still around: No

10. Choice Preparatory School

County: Miami-Dade

McKay cash: \$1.6 million

Fraud: Payments for students no longer at school

Still around: Yes

11. Solid Rock Community School

County: Pinellas

McKay cash: \$1.5 million

Fraud: Getting people other than parents to sign McKay information $\,$

25. Capital City Preparatory School

Fraud: Receiving McKay payments without getting parent signatures

County: Leon

McKav cash: \$73k

Still around: No

County: Duval

McKay cash: \$54k

26. Cyber Tech Academy

without parents' consent

Still around: Ye

12. New Jerusalem Christian Academy

County: Putnam

McKay cash: \$1.5 million

Fraud: Purged

Still around: No

21. Dre's Playhouse Exceptional Academy

County: Taylor

McKay cash: \$268k

Fraud: Payments for students who didn't go to the school, payments

received even after school was closed

Still around: No

22. Harvest Christian Academy

County: Hillsborough

McKay cash: \$206k

Fraud: Payments for a students who didn't go to school. Owner was already incarcerated in federal prison for a \$3 million bank fraud scheme

Still around: No

23. Palm Harbor Preparatory

County: Pinellas

McKay cash: \$174k

Fraud: Payments for a student who didn't go to the school. Owner pled guilty to grand theft, served probation and paid restitution

Still around: Yes

24. Academic High School

County: Palm Beach

McKay cash: \$138k Fraud: Purged

Still around: Yes



ORANGE COUNTY, Fla. - Abuse allegations have moved a state agency to chelps the disabled. Those who run the center believe that decision will have fa

Time is not on their side at Threshold Center for Autism in Winter Park.

Officials with the group home for disabled adults have just learned their only smillion annually -- is going away.

"Oct. 3 we get a letter saying they're cutting funding, so it was a shock," said in-law started the center 49 years ago. Her son is developmentally disabled.

The nonprofit has grown to five facilities, a health clinic and a school.

"She's very heartbroken," said Dennis

But the center hasn't been without controversy.

Three employees were arrested and fired last month after allegedly abusing a

Now, Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities will stop its funding on Jan

A letter terminated a decade-long agreement, without cause.

"Right now our concern is keeping our clients intact," said Dennis.

The funding cut could cost 170 workers their jobs and the lives of 39 residents

"Kids with autism or on the spectrum do not like changes to begin with, it sets Threshold employee Maggie Watkins.

Dennis said he fears the decision could have unintended consequences.

"Because of this action we're going to be seeing more abuse at other provide Dennis said.

This Case too is make for the investigator Touckay Mccurdy

JANUARY 5, 2015

evereux, a large national nonprofit behavioral health provider, has acquired Threshold Center for Autism in Winter Park.

The acquisition comes after the state's Agency for Persons with Disabilities stopped funding the residential facility in October, without citing a cause.

"We regularly discontinue waiver agreement with providers," an ADP spokesperson said in an interview in October. "We have high expectations from our providers, and we feel that they're not meeting our expectations, we have the right to discontinue our relationship."

In September, three of Threshold's former employees were charged with abuse, but the center's officials said in an earlier interview that they had taken care of the issue by reporting and terminating the employees, and that were "blindsided" by ADP's decision to stop funding them.

The center wouldn't be able to operate without the \$4 million funding and began searching for a nonprofit organization to purchase or lease the property.

"This acquisition will strengthen an existing continuum of services and the commitment to continue the Threshold legacy through Devereux's uncompromising care for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities," Devereux Florida, which is part of the national organization, said in a news release.

Threshold Center has a residential center, three group homes, a dental clinic, an adult day treatment program, and a specialty school.

The abuse claims against the three former workers are still making their way through the courts.

Video of the alleged violence has not been made public by prosecutors just yet.

Or how they are torturing autistic children in Florida....

10-year-old boy with autism arrested at school

by: Carlin Becker, Rare.us Updated: Apr 23, 2017 - 1:54 AM



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OKECHOBEE COUNTY, Fis. - Luanne Haygood, the mother of a 10-year-old boy with autism, is angry that her so own sa arrested earlier this month at his Florida school for allegeligh punching and kicking his teacher six months ago. Okeechobee County school resource officers put the child in handcuffs at Okeechobee Achievement Academy, but Haygood said the school distinct sint property equipped to deal with audistic children.

"He has autism. He doesn't know what's going on," she can be heard saying in the video that she recorded of her son's arrest. "He's scared to death. He's 10 years old."

Autistic Kissimmee boy, 10, handcuffed and put on back of police car

Updated: Sep 3, 2014 - 9:35 PN



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KISSIMMEE, Fla. - A picture posted online of a 10-year-old audistic boy in Kissimmee handcuffed and placed face down on the back of a police car stirred up some controversy.

The boy's father, Moses Maldonado, said his son was terrified after being cuffed and even got from being placed on the hot trunk of a squad car a couple of weeks ago.

But the police chief said his officers train for such a situation and he believes they did what was best for the safety of the child.

9 Investigates arrests of people with autism

Updated: May 7, 2015 - 5:13 PM



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OSCEOLA COUNTY, Fia. - With audism rates at an all-lime high in the United States, experts say law enforcement officers are having more and more encounters with audistic people, and sometimes those with audism end up behind but on.

Channel 9's Jeff Deal examined the issue and learned about the special training many officers are now getting to deal with this special group.

Deal attended the court appearance of a young child with autism as the child spoke to Orange Circuit Judge Reginald Whitehead.

9 Investigates: Volusia County parents up in arms, say autistic children treated like criminals

by: Nancy Alvarez Updated: Feb 16, 2017 - 11:28 PM



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VOLUSIA COUNTY, Fla. - Nine-year-old Xavier Shellman is aufistic but when you look at his student record, with seven police reports and a felony charge for striking a teacher, he looks more like a delinquent.

His parents. Affred and Terra Shellman said they feel that's the way Volusia County Schools has treated their son – as a criminal, not a boy with a disability.

Or how they publicly humiliated us with their lies













After I gave my lawyer all this info.

they started a campaign to close more schools, and they arrest me again

In this interview it can be seen that the data was given by the prosecutors and police,

And that since October they are planning everything

Schools Without Rules: An Orlando Sentinel Investigation

During its investigation, the Sentinel visited more than 30 private schools in Orange, Seminole, Lake, Osceola and Brevard counties, reviewed thousands of pages of public records and interviewed dozens of parents, private school operators, state officials and policy experts.

The department would not allow the Sentinel to interview Education Commissioner Pam Stewart or Adam Miller, head of its office of independent education and parental choice, which oversees the programs.

off the department about months earlier. The department, in a document written after the arrests, said it did not act earlier because it had nothing to "conclusively show" violations of state law.

The office manager has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing. The arrested owner, Maria Navarro Martin, has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

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It is there where the investigators, discover that Attorney general of the state PAM BONDI sends email to Darlene Simmons that in that moment was the prosecutor of the case.

PURSUANT TO FLA.R.CRIM.P. 3.220(h)(1), NO WITNESS NAMED HEREIN SHALL BE DEPOSED MORE THAN ONCE EXCEPT BY CONSENT OF THE PARTIES, OR BY ORDER OF THE COURT ISSUED UPON GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

See State's Second Discovery Exhibit, as follows:

- 1) State is in possession of the following documents:
 - Emails
 - ii. Evidence receipt

SUMMARY OF DISCOVERY EXHIBITS

Exhibit B:

Attorney General Emails To and From

Darlene Simmons.

DVD Disc B- Emails

Exhibit B:

Evidence acknowledgement receipt form

8/8/17

DVD Disc B- Receipt Document

DEMAND FOR RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY

Pursuant to Fla.R.Crim.P. 3.220(d), the State demands that within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this Discovery Exhibit, the defendant serve its written Discovery Exhibit, which shall include a list of the names and addresses of all witnesses whom the defendant expects to call as witnesses at the trial or hearing.

Page 3 of 5

After a month in jail, because my lawyer did not introduce the motion where it was shown that there was no witness tampering.

That I have never spoken with Judith, just send her all the evidence and this presentation, Because my former lawyer set me up by showing me the interview they did with Judith and where her lawyer cheated on her, and they made her reach an agreement for \$80,000, if she accepted that she was voluntarily giving them the emails.



Now I show you my case, in case something can interest you for his defendant

Previously, there were three types of providers for the same service

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) Alerts 2012-2015

Community Behavior Health Handbook Services Providers # 05

Service	Code	1			
Assessment Services					
Psychiatric Evaluation by Physician	H2000	HP	\$210 per event	Two events per state fiscal year	
Psychiatric Evaluation by Non-Physician	on-Physician even		\$150 per event		
Brief Behavioral Health Status Exam	H2010	НО	\$14.66 per quarter hour	Ten quarter-hour units per state fiscal year	
In-Depth Assessment, New Patient, Mental Health	H0031	НО	\$125.00 per event	One event per state fiscal year	
In-Depth Assessment, H0031 Established Patient, Mental Health		TS	\$100.00 per event	,	
Psychiatric Review of Records	H2000	-	\$26.00 per event	Two events per state fiscal year	
Bio-Psychosocial Evaluation, Mental Health	H0031	HN	\$48.00 per event	One event per state fiscal year	
Psychological Testing	H2019	-	\$15.00 per quarter hour	40 quarter-hour units per state fiscal year	
Limited Functional Assessment, Mental Health	H0031	-	\$15.00 per event	Three event per state fiscal year	
Treatment Plan Development, New and Established Patient, Mental Health	H0032	-	\$97.00 per event	One event per provider per state fiscal year	
Treatment Plan Review, Mental Health	H0032	TS	\$48.50 per event	Four events per state fiscal year	
Therapeutic Behavioral On- Site Services, Behavior Management	H2019	HN	\$10.00 per quarter hour	36 quarter-hour units per month	
Therapeutic Behavioral On- Site Services, Therapeutic Support	H2019	НМ	\$ 4.00 per quarter hour	128 quarter-hour units per month	

DEVOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Home-Community Based Services Waiver Ibudget Handbook Providers # 67

Description of Service	Procedure Code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Rate	Limits
Assessment Servi	ces				
Behavior Analysis Assessment for Autism	H2020	ŲD	-	\$299.85 per assessment	One assessment per state fiscal year
Treatment Service	8				
Behavior Analysis Level 1 for Autism	H2019	UD	HP	\$19.05 per quarter hour	Maximum combined daily
Behavior Analysis Level 2 for Autism	H2019	UD	НО	nuarter hour	limit of up to 32 quarter-hou units
Behavior Analysis Level 3 for Autism	H2019	UD	HN	\$10.35 per quarter hour	Maximum combined weekly limit up to 160 quarter-hour units of all treatment
Behavior Assistant Services for Autism	H2019	UD	НМ	\$4.31 per quarter hour	services

Early Intervention Services Handbook Providers #81

Service	Code	1	2	3		
Assessment Serv	rices			_		1
Screening	T1023	UD	-	-	\$50.00 per assessment	Three screenings per calendar year
Evaluation	T1024	UD	HN	UK	\$27.75 per half-hour unit	Maximum of four units per event, one event per lifetime
Follow-up Evaluation	T1024	UD	TS	-	\$27.75 per half-hour unit	Maximum of four units per event; maximum of three events per calendar year
Treatment Servic	es					
Early Intervention	T1027	UD	SC		\$12.50 per	Maximum combined
Individual Session					quarter-	daily limit of up to 32 guarter-hour units
Early Intervention Group Session	T1027	UD	TT	SC	\$6.25 per quarter- hour unit	Maximum combined weekly limit up to 160 quarter-hour units of treatment services







BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (BA)

Fee Schedule

(Approved January-2016)

Now all these providers are grouped into one BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS Services Handbook

Providers #39

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Our group is authorized to perform group therapies according



Medicaid Approval Letter for Billing purpose since MAY 2016

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)

PLACE OF SERVICES

(Alerts 2012-2015)

Community Behavior Health Services
Providers

03 - School

12 - Home

99 - Other Place of Service

Home-Community Based Services DEVOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Waiver Providers

- 11 Office
- 12 Home
- 13 Assisted Living Facility
- 14 Group Home
- 49 Independent Clinic
- 53 Community Mental Health Center
- 99 Other Place of Service

Early Intervention Services
Providers

- 11 Office
- 12 Home
- 99 Other Place of Service







BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (BA) PLACE OF SERVICES

(Approved January/2016)

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS Services Handbook
Providers # 39

14. Question: Are we able to provide services in schools and day cares?

Response: Yes. There is no limitation on the place of service. Providers should render BA services in the most appropriate setting relevant to the behavior problem(s) being addressed.

Behavior Analysis Services Handbook PROVIDER # 39

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H0031	BA		Behavioral Assessment	\$385.19(Max. 1
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H0032	BA		Behavior Reassessment	\$192.59 (Max. 3
				per recipient, per
				fiscal year)
H2019	BA		Behavior Analysis - Lead Analyst	\$19.05 per
				quarter hour
H2012	BA		Behavior Analysis - Assistant	\$15.24 per
			Behavior Analyst	quarter hour
H2014	BA		Behavior Analysis - Technician	\$12.19 per
				quarter hour
H2014	BA	GK	Behavior Analysis - Group(up to	\$7.58 per quarter
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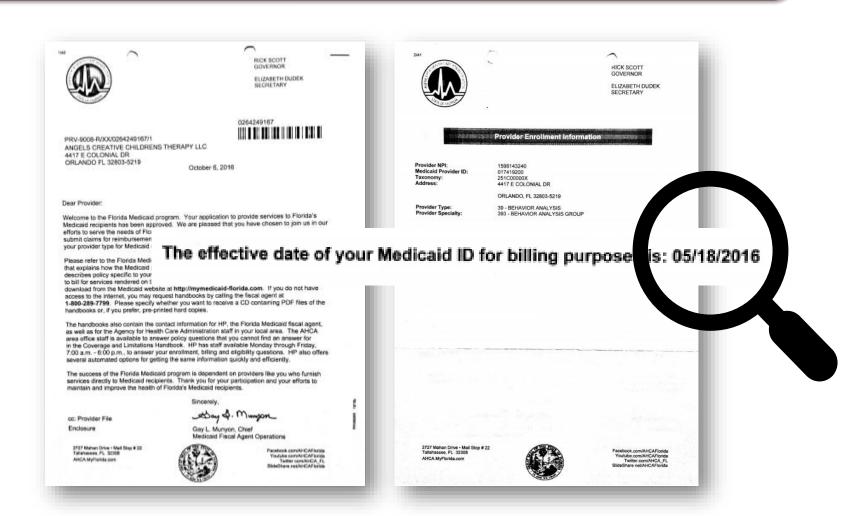
4. **Question:** In terms of group code, is there a different rate for a RBT vs a BCBA when conducting group therapy?

Response: No. The rate for all BA group services, regardless of provider type, is listed in the BA Fee Schedule under Behavior Analysis-Group (view fee schedule above).

MEDICAID APPROVAL LETTER FOR BILLING PURPOSE

Behavior Analysis Services – Provider # 39





On February 7 the arrest is made with an affidavit of probable cause



IN THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Department of Homeland Security Case Number: OL02PR17OL0001 IN THE NAME of the STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF SEMINOLE: TO: DENNIS LEMMA, SHERIFF OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, AND ALL HIS LAWFUL DEPUTIES ANY SWORN INVESTIGATOR, or SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR of the STATE ATTORNEY; ANY SWORN INESTIGATOR OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE of the EIGHTEETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA; or the SHERIFF of SEMINOLE COUNTY, or Police Officer of SEMINOLE County FLORIDA, or any SWORN DEPUTY or SPECIAL DEPUTY of the SHERIFF of SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA; or any sworn Police Officer or Deputy Sheriff acting under a mutual aid or cooperation agreement with the Sheriff of Seminole, County; or any swom STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, or any FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FEDERAL AGENCY at any department or agency of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA) or any other police or law enforcement officer acting within their jurisdiction. WHEREAS, complaint supported by affidavit have been made and incorporated by AND WHEREAS, the facts made known to me in said Application and Affidavit for cause to believe that certain evidence, to-wit: Records regarding Medicaid Fraud, Money Laundering, Banking Information, Vehicle Seizure Information and United States Currency as related to Angels Creative Children's Therapy LLC, doing business as Angels Center for Autism: that is believed to be evidence of a felony criminal violation of the laws of the State of Florida to-wit: Health Care Clinic - Act Responsibilities: Medicaid Fraud F.S.S. 409.920 (2)(b) 1 c, Organized Scheme to Defraud F.S.S. 817.034 (4)(a)(1), and 18 USC 1956 Money Laundering documents and currency are currently being kept in or on certain property in Seminole County,

SEARCH WARRANT

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The Judge orders
Seizure related to the company

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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ivan Ruiz

4355 Gebriella Lane Winter Park, FL 32792

Re: Case Number 2017-1808-000167-01

Description

This is to officially notify you that Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) seized the property described below at Winter Park, Florida on February 7, 2017:

\$149,705,15 in U.S. Currency

The property was seized and is subject to forfeiture under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, section 981, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections Consec passes Coste, poetion; 985, per remained or i frait of, critical statuses Coste, poetion; 985, per remained fram of illigal activity. Persuant to Title 18, United States Code, section 1956(c)(7/F), the "specified unlawful activity" is defined as any set or activity constituting an offense involving a Federal Health Care offense and Title 18, United States Code, section 1934, were fraud.

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Ivan Pair

Winter Park, FL 32792

Re: Case Number 2017-1808-010164-01

This is to officially notify you that Horseland Security Investigations (HSI) seized the property described below at Winter Park, Florida on February 7, 2017

\$1.050 in U.S. Currency

The property was seized and is subject to forfeiture under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, section 931, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections 1554/1957, in that it represents the proceeds of some from of Illegal activity. Presents to Title 18, United States Code, socions 1954(c)(7)(F), the "specified unlawful activity" is defined as my act or activity constituting an offense involving a Federal Health Care offense and Title 18, United States Code, section 1343, wire fraud.

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NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INFORMATION CAFRA FORM CLAIMANTS

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

4355 Gabriolla Lane Winter Park, FL 32792

Re: Case Number 2017-1808-000168-01

Dear SigMadage

This is to officially notify you that Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) seized the property described below at Winter Park, Florida on February 7, 2017:

2015 Mercedes-Benz, VIN# 4JGDA5HB3FA458678

The appraised domestic value of the property is \$34,675

The property was seized and is subject to forfeiture under the provisions of Title 18, sited States Code, section 981, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections United States Code; section '93', an variation or it, classes of illegal activity. Parassast to Title 18, United States Code, section 1956(c)(C)(F), the "specified unlawful activity" is defined as any act or activity constituting an offense involving a Federal Health Care offerse and Title 18. United States Code, section 1343, wire frank

The facts applicable to CRP indicate that you have an interest in the prived respects. The The facts available to CRP indicate that you have an interest in the victor property. The purpose of this letter is to obvie you of the options available to you concerning this serious. Two important documents—an "Biocion of Proceedings" form and a "Solvand Asset Chain" form—are exclosed with this letter, You must choose one of the options ordinate below, include you exclude your birth and any other necessary documents, to CRP which the allotted time frame (see options below).

Your ortions are as follows:

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INFORMATION TO CLAIMANTS

APR 0 4 2017 CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

4355 Gabriella Lane Winter Park, FL 32792

Re: Case Number 2017-1808-000168-01

Dear Sin/Madam:

This is to officially notify you that Hameland Security Investigations (ESI) seized the property described below at Winter Park, Florids on February 7, 2017:

CAFRA FORM

See extended in.

The appealsed domestic value of the property is (to be determined).

2014 Mercedos-Benz E350, VINW WDDKJSK0EF25

The apprecised domestic value of the property is \$28,225

2013 Toyota Truck, VINW 5TFEY5F19DX134997 The appraised domestic value of the property is \$29,825

2015 Mercedes-Benz, VENF 44GDA5HB3FA458678 The appealsed domestic value of the property is \$34,675

2015 Hyundai Outhack SUV, VINF 5XYZT3LB6F0247863 The appraised domestic value of the property is \$14,725

2N1 Chaparral Boat, HULL NBR: PGBS0259C111 The appraised demestic value of the property is \$27,430

2012 EZ Load Trailer, VINV IL81TLW20DA009981 The aperaised demestic value of the property is \$1,355

The property was selected and its subject to for feiture under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, section 941, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, section 941, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, sections 1959(1957), it is in impresent the processod of stores from figures [final solicity, Parella to Title 18, United States Code, section 1959(c)/Tj(F), the "specified unitswiftl activity" is

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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Maria Dolores Novarro Mortin 4355 Gabriella Lane Winter Pork, FL 32792

Ret Case Number 2017-1808-000174-00

Dear Sin Madama

This is to officially notify you that Herneland Security Investigations (HSI) seized the property described below at Oviedo, Florida on February 7, 2017:

2013 GMC Tornir, VIN# 2GKALUEK1D6210643

The amenical demontic value of the respecty is \$13.875

The property was seized and is subject to furfeiture under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, section 981, for wiching of Title 18, United States Code, sections 1956/1957, in that it represents the proceeds of some form of illegal activity. Pursuant to Table 18, United States Code, section 1956(c)(7)(7), the "specified minuful activity" is defined as any act or activity constituting an offense involving a Federal Health Case offense and Title 18, United States Code, seekin 1343, wire fraud.

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CONTINUED - RETYIEN DECEMPT RECORNING

Sebustan Daniel Rivas 4355 Gabriella Lane Winter Park, FL 32792

Re: Case Number 2017-1808-000168-01

Dear Sir Madam:

This is to officially notify you that Hemeland Security Investigations (HSI) seized the properly described below at Winter Purk, Florida on February 7, 2017:

2014 Mexodes-Bara E359, VINV WDDKJ5K0EF259396

The appraised dementic value of the property is \$18,225

The property was seized and is subject to furfeiture under the provisions of Title 18. The property was sedered and is subject to Intelligenee must the previous on Title 18, United Status Code, accord 501, for violation of Title 18, United Status Code, seekine 1956/1957, in fast in expression the proceeds of some form of illegal activity. Pursuant to Title 18, United Status Code, seekine 1956(6)(70%), the "specified uniterful activity" is defined at any and cardity consolitating and offices including a Parlical Hard's Cure offices at any and cardity consolitating and offices including a Parlical Hard's Cure offices and Title 18, United Status Code, section 1343, when fraud.

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NOTICE OF SEIZURE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE MINTH CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, PLORIDA

CASE NO:

SEIZURE WARARNY

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO: PAM BONDE, FLOREDA ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR ANY OF HER SWOI INVESTIGATORS; RICHARD SWEARINGEN, COMMISSIONER OF THE FLORE DIFFARTMENT OF LAW EMPOREMENT, OR ANY OF HIS SECCIAL AGENTS; I ANY SWORN POLICE OFFICER OR BESTLY SHERIF ACTIVE CINES A MILE

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1913 Just Street Orlands, FL 32814, Baldwin Park Unit L-Region 1 42/126 Let 283

and said Property being under the central of RIVAS SEBASTIAN, and which constitutes forfeitable asset under Fla. Stat 8 812,035 and Fla. Stat 6193,701 - 930,7035

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to seize the Property, serving this Seisure Westerl ed making the selaces in deptime or in nightfree as the existencies may demand or exercise, or, on Sunday, with the proper necessary assistance, and to enter into or upon any real property or prunises where "The Property" is located, for the purpose of executing this Soltare Warnet, and to loave a copy of this Solzare Warrant and the Inventory and Rature, upon exception, and in a piccous place, at the place or premises where "The Property" is located, and to return the

WITNESS MY HAND and send this 6th day of Palarage, 2017.





Report: Angels Creative Childrens Therapy LLC Investigative Report

OAG Number: MFC-16-00603

Field Office: Orlando Allegation Type: Fraud

Case Team: 502

Date of Action:

11/15/2016

Locked for Updating

Report Approved

Select Type of Action:

Investigative Note

Enter Subject:

Surveillance - Heaven Academy

Created by:

Thomas Sommersdorf

Reviewed by:

Touckay McCurdy

Others to be notified:

Darlene Simmons

Profile Information:

Profile Type:

Phone 1:

Corporation

Name: Business Address:

Heaven Academy 2807 Edgewater Dr.

Orlando, FL 32804 (407) 601-3553 Type:

Narrative Detail:

On 11/15/16 I, Investigator Sommersdorf, conducted surveillance on Heaven Academy at 2807 Edgewater Dr. Orlando, FL 32804. I watched the facility from 08:00am until 10:00am. During that time frame, I observed various private vehicles enter the parking lot with only adults entering the business. At approximately 09:30am, three large passenger vans arrived at the business. I was able to observe 3-4 children on one of the vans but could not see how many occupants were on the other vehicles. License plates for two of the vans were obtained and both came back as registered to "Angels Center for Autism. 4417 E. Colonial Dr. Orlando. FL 32803" t.sommersdorf/orlando

Approvals:

Approver Role Only Reviewer

Approver Touckay McCurdy

11/21/2016 8:20:59 AM

Indicates Required field

Report: Angels Creative Childrens Therapy LLC

OAG Number: MFC-16-00603

Investigative Report Case Team: 502

Field Office: Orlando Allegation Type: Fraud

Date of Action:

01/19/2017

Report Approved

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Select Type of Action:*

Investigative Note

Enter Subject:

Surveillance of Navarro's Residences

Created by:

Touckay McCurdy

Captain to review:

John Nicks

Others to be notified:

Darlene Simmons

Profile Information:

Profile Type:

Name: Business Address:

Phone 1: Medicaid Provider Number:

Federal Employee ID: Florida Corporation Name: Florida Corporation Number: Case Profile

Angels Creative Childrens Therapy LLC

4417 East Colonial Drive Orlando Florida 32803-5219 (407) 757-0785 Type:

ANGELS CREATIVE CHILDRENS THERAPY LLC

Narrative Detail:

On Thursday, January 19, 2017 at approximately 6:30 A.M., Lt.McCurdy conducted surveillance at the following locations:

4355 Gabriella Lane Winter Park, FL 32792; Lt.McCurdy observed three vehicles in the driveway.

1) Gray Toyota Tundra Florida Tag #

Registered to ACCT and Maria Navarro.

2) Black SUV Mercedes Florida Tag # 3) Blue SUV Hyundai Florida Tag #

Registered to Maria Navarro and Ivan Ruiz Registered to Maria Navarro

There was no activity at the residence.





EMAIL SENT TO:

MEDICAID POLICY DIRECTORS (AHCA)

AGENCY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DIRECTORS (APD)



First question:

I have a question and I do not know if you can answer it or refer me to someone who can answer it.

In The iBudget Waiver Handbook says the following:

Providers of this service must have at least one of the following credentials

• Level 3 - Florida certified behavior analyst with a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or high school diploma, or board-certified assistant behavior analyst. Level 3 providers are required to show evidence of at least one hour per month of supervision from a professional who meets the requirements of a Level 1 or Level 2 board certified behavior analyst. Mi question Is:

What do you mean by Level 3, "or high school diploma"?



Wan Ahmad, Ph.D.

Senior Psychologist/ABA - NW Region Agency for Persons with Disabilities

- Please note that in the past, individuals with a High School diploma, Associate degree or bachelor's degree sat for a Florida certified behavior analyst assessment and was awarded a Florida Certified Behavior Analyst certification when they passed the test. However, in October 2003, there had been changes to the certification of behavior analysts and Florida Certified Behavior Analyst (FL-CBAs). New behavior analysts (Level 1, 2 and 3) and BCaBAs are issued by Behavior Analyst Certification Board®. Please see the narrative from the BACB.com regarding FL-CBAs below:

Florida Certified Behavior Analysts (FL-CBAs)

In October 2003, the BACB assumed all credentialing responsibilities for former certificants of the Florida Behavior Analysis Certification Program under the Florida Department of Children and Families. This program has closed and all of its certification responsibilities and certificants have been transferred to the BACB*. Former Florida program certificants are permitted to continue using only the following designations: Florida Certified Behavior Analyst™ and FL-CBA™.

FL-CBAs have the responsibilities of the BCBA credential and must adhere to its ethics and maintenance requirements. The FL-CBA credential is only valid in the state of Florida.

*Credential monitored by the Florida Behavior Analyst Certification Committee. Recertification and renewal applications for the FL-CBA credential are available FL-CBA Recertification Application

FL-CBA Renewal Application at bacb.com



Note: This DD Ibudget Handbook was approved the day 9/03/2015



Zachariah L. Sims, B.S., BCaBA

Behavior Specialist

Agency for Persons with Disabilities Northeast Region, Field Office 3

With respect to the Behavior Analysis service at the Level 3 rate, there are two acceptable levels of credential provide by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB): Florida Certified Behavior Analysts (FL-CBAs) and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs). FL-CBAs are individuals who were working as behavior analysts when the board certification process first came together. They did not, at that time, demonstrate the necessary requirements for true certification, but that the government did not want to exclude those individuals from being able to continue with their livelihoods. So, they were grand-fathered in, and allowed to continue practicing under the title Florida CBA. BCaBAs have met the requirements and passed the Board's test.

If the individual you are seeking this information was not a Florida CBA when the certification process came to be in Florida, they are ineligible to become one now. All others must be certified through the BACB as either a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (with a Master's degree or higher) or as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (with a Bachelor's degree or higher); there are no exceptions.



Merari Perez

Regional Clinical Program Supervisor/Forensic Liaison

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Central Region

Ms. Navarro, sorry for the delay in this response. If you were a Florida Certified Behavioral Analyst (FCBA) you could have had a high school diploma, who was certified and "grandfathered" in. We no longer have this, so those CBA that fell under that can practice analysis.

New CBA as of 1986 (or shortly after that) would need a Bachelor's Degrees and specific courses relevant to behavioral analysis.



Karen Eramo

Provider Enrollment – Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Central Region

Let me see, what can I say about level 3 behavior Analysts...They are certainly above a Behavior Assistant, they cannot perform assessments and must have oversight/ supervision of a BA with higher credentials.

• Level 3 - Florida certified behavior analyst is the certification when they refer to the education bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or high school diploma it would not matter so much the education as you see a wide range, just the certification.



Wayne Sager, MA, BCBA

Senior Behavior Analyst - Agency for Persons with Disabilities Tampa, FL

You cannot become Florida certified anymore, although if someone is a Florida certified behavior analyst (was certified in the past and has maintained it), they can still provide services as a supervised behavior analyst. The requirements in the past to become a Florida certified behavior analyst required at least a high school diploma, which is why that statement in in there.

If someone is looking to become a new Level 3, they would have to become a board-certified behavior analyst, which requires at least a bachelor's degree.



Dr.Michael Wesolowski

Sr. Behavior Specialist - Agency for Persons with Disabilities Southern Region

<u>Supervision</u> of level 3 people (BCaBAs and Florida CaBAs) is a board (BACB) requirement and must be done only by a BCBA, **not LMHCs**. RBTs are not level 3 but need supervision by a BCBA.

Dr.Michael Wesolowski

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Behavior Analysis

Behavior analysis providers must have licensure or certification on active status at the time services are provided. Levels have been established based on specific credentials and years of experience that also indicate fee variation. Providers of this service must have at least one of the following credentials:

- Level 1 Board certified behavior analyst, master's or doctoral level, or a person licensed under Chapter 490 or 491, F.S., (psychologist, school psychologist, clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental health counselor) with evidence of work samples and work history of more than three years of experience in the application of applied behavior analysis procedures to persons with exceptional needs, post-certification, or licensure.
- Level 2 Board certified behavior analyst, master's or doctoral level, Florida
 certified behavior analyst with a master's degree or higher, or a person
 licensed under Chapter 490 or Chapter 491, F.S., (psychologist, school
 psychologist, clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental
 health counselor) with evidence based on work samples and work history of
 at least one year supervised experience in the application of applied
 behavior analysis procedures to persons with exceptional needs. Board
 certified behavior analysts have met the year of supervision requirement as
 part of becoming certified.
- Level 3 Florida certified behavior analyst with a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or high school diploma, or board-certified assistant behavior analyst. Level 3 providers are required to show evidence of at least one hour per month of supervision from a professional who meets the requirements of a Level 1 or Level 2 board certified behavior analyst.

Second question

Could you clarify what you are referring to in The Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate, incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-13.070, F.A.C.? Table says the following:

Behavior Analysis - Level 3 Ratio: NONE

Ratio: When a service can be delivered to one or more than one recipient at a time. Each ratio is given a rate based on the number of recipients served and each recipient is charged that rate. Ratios of 1:1, 1:2, and 1:3 are examples of recipients served by a relationship of one staff to one recipient, one staff to two recipients, and one staff to three recipients, respectively. A ratio of 1:6–10 indicates the rate applies to a staff member serving 6 to 10 recipients.

My question is:

There is some specific ratio to provide this service, in level 3?



Merari Perez

Sr. Behavior Specialist - Agency for Persons with Disabilities Southern Region

The Question below regarding ratio only applies to Life Skills : i.e. Adult Day Training (ADT) programs that is funded through the Medicaid Waiver program.

State Plan Medicaid program for Behavioral Analysis has a code for Group Therapy that may have ratios, but you would have to get guidance from Agency for HealthCare Administration (AHCA).



Dr.Michael Wesolowski

Sr. Behavior Specialist - Agency for Persons with Disabilities Southern Region

I know of no specific ratio for BCaBAs (level 3)

DEVOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Home-Community Based Services Waiver **Ibudget Handbook**

Fee Schedule

Description of Service	Procedure Code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Rate	Limits
Assessment Service	ces				
Behavior Analysis Assessment for Autism	H2020	UD	-	\$299.85 per assessment	One assessment per state fiscal year
Treatment Services	s				
Behavior Analysis Level 1 for Autism	H2019	UD	HP	\$19.05 per quarter hour	Maximum combined daily
Behavior Analysis Level 2 for Autism	H2019	UD	НО	\$16.64 per quarter hour	limit of up to 32 quarter-hour units
Behavior Analysis Level 3 for Autism	H2019	UD	HN	\$10.35 per quarter hour	Maximum combined weekly limit up to 160 quarter-hour units of all treatment
Behavior Assistant Services for Autism	H2019	UD	НМ	\$4.31 per quarter hour	services

Line#	iBudget Waiver Service Description	Procedure Code	Billing Unit	Ratio	
4	Behavior Analysis - Level 3	H2019UCHN	Quarter Hour	None	

Third Question

I have the provider of license num. 67 since 2015, and I have a question about DD iBudget Handbook

That handbook refers to the following:

Indirect services provided to support behavioral programming include the daily progress notes documenting the activities, data collection, and analysis.

In addition, indirect activities that occur when the recipient is not present that are required to support behavior analysis can include behavior plan development and revision, graphing and analysis of data, providing consultation to other professionals, presentation of a recipient's behavior plan to the APD LRC, and attending meetings relevant to the recipient's treatment, including the recipient's treatment team, psychiatrist, and school related meetings. Providers can only bill for indirect services up to a maximum of 25% of the total units for the cost plan year. In those cases, where service hours are limited to four hours or less per month, an average of one hour per month maximum can be billed for indirect services.

Mi question Is:

This can also be that if the service is limited to 8 hours, 25% of those eight hours is 2 hours, Can be billed for indirect services?



Wan Ahmad, Ph.D

Good afternoon,

I am forwarding your question to Dr. Weslowski and Dr. Molina and I am unfamiliar with the complete situation that gives rise to your question.

Please note that Dr. Weslowski and Dr. Molina are the Area Behavior Analysts in your Region and may be fully aware of the question that you posed. I am also aware that there are some situations that I may not be privy to or any extenuating circumstances surrounding your question, so I believe that Dr. Weslowski and Dr. Molina would be able to assist you in resolving your question. Thank you.



Dr.Michael Wesolowski

The answer is easy: yes 25% of 8=2

Interoffice Memorandum



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: EMPLOYEES (RBT / TEACHERS & ASST'S)

FROM: JUDITH
SUBJECT: BACK TO SCHOOL
DATE: AUGUST 12, 2016

Meeting Notes:

> Tablets

> RBT's are responsible to bring in your own tablets for data collection

(1 month to purchase if you don't have any/for now ok to use classroom

> Computer Lab

 Has been relocated and all computers are now installed and working properly

> Lesson Plans

- > We do not expect perfection at this time
- Have a plan created for each subject / Plan can be aligned with catalyst goals for now.
- > Hand it to Judith for review and any support needed
- > Training is available until staff replacement is in place
- > Angela will be here to guide you all on Monday, 08/15/2016

School Hours / Punctuality

- ➤ School hours 9:00am to 3:00pm
- ➤ Employee hours 8:00am 4:00pm
 - 8am 9am and 3pm 4pm are for lesson plans, notes, and grades
- Meet and Greet 08/19/2016 / Open house date will be announced at a later time. You will have a letter with that information to hand out to parents on the 19th.



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDU

DE EMPLOYEES (RBT / TEACHERS & ASSTS)

LOME JUDGITH

BBJECT: COMPANY GUIDHLINES / RULES REMEN

COMPANY SUBHINES / RULES REMEN

Meeting Notes:

- Attendance / Timeliness
 - You see expected to report to your job site at 8:00 a.m. SHARP (Turdies will not be tolerated)
 - Absences will only be excused if requested within an acceptable time from writing, at least one week in advance, and they must be approved. (Remember that the children you work with are susceptible to changes)
 - No more than 2 employees can be out at the same time (This is why we reinfecce the prior approval of absences). Vacation time must be approved well in advance. A calendar will be made available, so that vacation time is requested, no less than a month in advance.
- Responsibilities & Guidelin
- 8.00 a.m.-9.00 a.m.- is the time to get activities / classroom ready for that day and write your notes from the previous day if they were not completed the evening before.
- Each Therapist / Teacher is responsible for the child staigned to them at all times. (You will be the person responsible to sign any accident report
- Cell photes are NOT allowed during work hours. (Again, notes are to be written upon completion of the day or that first hour before the abilition probability.)
- Reminder: This is an independent contractor position. If your services are to meeting our needs and guidelines, we will no longer contract your services.



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: RETS
FROM: EFREN E GONZALEZ
SUBJECT: RULES REMENDER / ABSENT CLIENTS
DATE: AUGUST 3, 30%
CC. LULY

Hello everyone

I would like to inform you through this document what you should do when your clients are absent.

If a therapist doesn't have a client shelhe has to let us know (Judith or Efren), and will relocate you where you are needed the most, or we will assign you a client. If there's a group with 2 therapists and 1 client, you should also notify us, and we will relocate one of the therapist where he/she is needed the most or we will assign you another client.

Please, do not begin to work on any task without previous approval if you don't have a client at that moment. Thank you.

Best regards, Efren E. Gonzalez. 08/12/16 - Book to School Memo
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Behavior Analysis Coverage Policy

Frequently Asked Questions

18. Question: Is telemedicine allowed in this policy?

Response: Yes. Telemedicine is available to practitioners licensed within their scope of practice to perform the service, in accordance with Florida Medicaid's telemedicine policy.



Fee Schedule and Billing

3. Question: What are the rates for all covered services listed under the BA policy and when can I start billing for services? What are the rates for each provider type?

Response: The Behavior Analysis fee schedule is located on the Agency Rules website under reimbursement policies. Providers may begin billing for BA services starting March 1, 2017. The rate for each provider type is outlined in the description section of the fee schedule.

The rate for a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) and a Behavior Assistant are the same. A copy of the fee schedule is provided below:

4. Question: In terms of group code, is there a different rate for a RBT vs a BCBA when conducting group therapy?

Response: No. The rate for all BA group services, regardless of provider type, is listed in the BA Fee Schedule under Behavior Analysis-Group (view fee schedule above).

14. Question: Are we able to provide services in schools and day cares?

Response: Yes. There is no limitation on the place of service. Providers should render BA services in the most appropriate setting relevant to the behavior problem(s) being addressed.

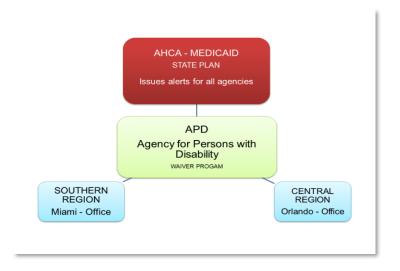
Four Question

I had a contract with you to provide Behavior Analysis services, and I received from you the Letter of Authorization to render my services in the central region and the southern region.

Could you clarify this?

With these authorizations that you have sent me, could I work in both regions at the same time and was authorized to do so?

I am sending you, in attachment, both authorizations





Karen Eramo

Provider Enrollment – Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Central Region

Sure, you have gone through an Expansion process and are now authorized to preform service both in your home region (Southern) and the Central Region. Southern Region will remain your Home Region and assist you will all things regarding your provider file and the upkeep of your Medicaid Waiver Service Agreement.

Yes, you can work in both regions at the same time. Thanks, Karen

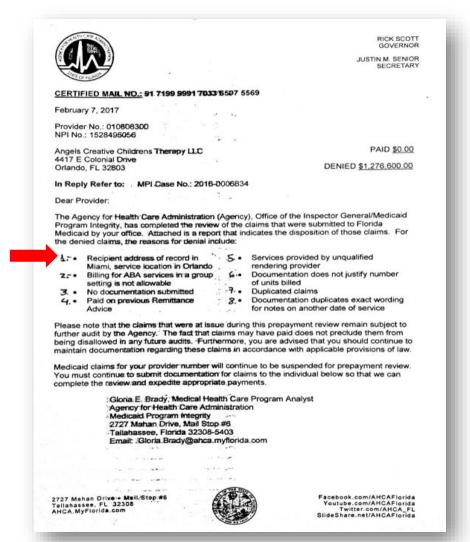


Dr.Michael Wesolowski

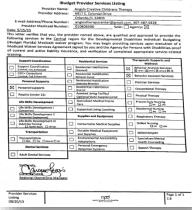
Sr. Behavior Specialist - Agency for Persons with Disabilities Southern Region

On 2017-05-18 15:00, Michael Wesolowski wrote: I don't understand

On 2017-05-22 16:06, Michael Wesolowski wrote: You are no longer a provider in Southern region.



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	Provider Na		Angels Creative Childrens		
	Provider Addr		9260 Hammocks Blvd, Su		
	E-mail Address/Phone Num		Miami, FL 33196		
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Five question

I have the provider of license num. 67 since 2015, and I have a question about the alerts that the Medicaid sends us.

In these alerts, reference is made to the **"group setting**", if the **Medicaid Definitions Handbook** Rule 59G-1.010. refers to Group as

"Group" or "Group practice" means two or more health care practitioners who practice their profession at a common location, whether or not they share common facilities, supporting staff, or equipment, and which organization possesses a federal employer identification (FEI) number.

Mi question Is:

When referring to group in the alerts is referred to group of providers?



Mary "Monty" McCullough

AHCA Administrator - Bureau of Medicaid Services

- On 2017-05-17 11:52, McCullough, Mary wrote: Good morning Ms. Navarro. I'm not sure I have enough information to assist you. There are many alerts provided by Florida Medicaid. Do you have examples?
- On 2017-05-17 12:17, McCullough, Mary wrote: Thank you for the clarification, Ms. Navarro. You will be hearing from policy staff associated with this alert
- On 2017-05-19 11:26, McCullough, Mary wrote: Ms. Navarro, This alert doesn't reference Rule 59G-1.010 (Definition rule), so I forwarded your question to the policy area responsible for the alert. Did you receive an email from Devon Tran, who is on our policy staff?



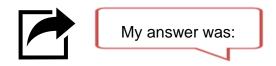
Medical Health Care Program Analyst - Agency for Health Care Administration Bureau of Medicaid Policy - Behavioral Health & Facilities

- On 2017-05-18 12:39, Tran, Devon wrote: Hello Ms. Navarro, I was forwarded your question below. Can you please provide me with your phone number so that I may contact you for clarification?
- On 2017-05-18 14:30, Tran, Devon wrote: I requested your contact information in order to receive additional clarity regarding your request. I was hoping to speak with you in order to ensure that I provide you with the correct information. If you do not wish to speak with me, please provide references regarding the provider type and policy you are referring to for a "group" definition.
- On 2017-05-18 14:55, Tran, Devon wrote: Thank you for the additional information. Allow me to research your inquiry and provide you with a response as soon as possible.
- On 2017-05-22 13:43, Tran, Devon wrote:

Good Afternoon, There is no Agency definition for "group setting." The term "group setting" as it appears in the October 2015 health care alert for Individual Budgeting Home and Community-Based Services Waiver providers furnishing applied behavior analysis(ABA) services to recipients under the age of 21 refers the ability of providers to seek reimbursement for ABA services rendered to multiple recipients simultaneously.

The alerts states "Billing for ABA in a group setting is not allowable," therefore, providers are unable to seek reimbursement for multiple recipients at the same time under the above referenced policy for ABA services.

If you require additional assistance, please contact the Medicaid Helpline at 1(877)-254-1055.



Thanks for your explanation Mrs Davon

But the ABA Policy for which you are responsible allows according to the fee schedule published since January 2016, Allows to carry out group therapies, and for which I also have the provider license num 39 since May 2016 for billing purposes.

And the handbook by which this alert refers shows in the table that there is no ratio to perform these therapies in a group

- The Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate used in conjunction with the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-13.070, F.A.C. Table says the following:

Behavior Analysis - Level 3 Ratio: NONE

Ratio: When a service can be delivered to one or more than one recipient at a time. Each ratio is given a rate based on the number of recipients served and each recipient is charged that rate. Ratios of 1:1, 1:2, and 1:3 are examples of recipients served by a relationship of one staff to one recipient, one staff to two recipients, and one staff to three recipients, respectively. A ratio of 1:6–10 indicates the rate applies to a staff member serving 6 to 10 recipients.

So how is it possible that two published laws can say different things for the same service?



On 2017-05-22 16:27, Tran, Devon wrote: Ms. Navarro,

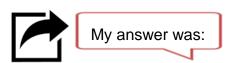
As previously stated, the information contained in the October 2015 health care alert is applicable to Ibudget providers (provider type 67) furnishing applied behavior analysis(ABA) services to recipients under the age of 21.

The alert specifically states that billing for ABA in a group setting is not allowable (located on page 2 under Service Codes and Reimbursement Rates).

Provider type 39 is the Behavior Analysis provider type. The policy for the Behavior Analysis providers can be found by visiting the Rules webpage on the Agency's website. I have provided the link to the Behavior Analysis Services policy below for your convenience.

If you require additional assistance with understanding the provisions listed in the Developmental Disabilities Induvial Budgeting Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, please let me know so that I may refer you to the appropriate area.

http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/review/specific_policy.shtml Thank you,



Thank you so much for your help Can you refer to the appropriate area?



On 2017-05-23 09:12, Tran, Devon wrote:

You're welcome.

You can email your questions regarding the Developmental Disabilities Induvial Budgeting Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook the Agency's general Federal Authorities

email box: FEDERALAUTHORITIESMAILBOX@ahca.myflorida.com.

Thank you



My answer was:

Mrs. Davon

Thank you for referring me to the wrong person, I hope the judge will consider that you, as a public official of the state, are failing to give adequate information to the providers.

With a simple search in Google you can know who you referred, I give you the link

Google

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Search Results

The Agency for Health Care Administration - MyFlorida.com
The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Invites Public Comment on AHCA's Office of the Inspector General's Investigations Unit. For more ...

False conclusions in affidavit

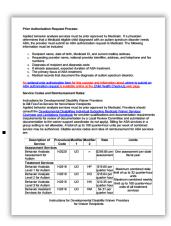
According to the probable cause of fraud

Alert says that "group

therapy

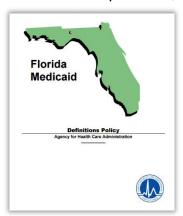
is not allowed

According to, Florida, Medicaid Health Care Alerts, dated 01/17,12014 and 08/2015 "Billing for ABA services in a *group setting* is not allowable".



59G-1.010 Definitions.

The following definitions are applicable to all sections of Chapter 59G, F.A.C., unless specifically stated otherwise in one of those sections. These definitions do not apply to any Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency), Medicaid program rules other than those in Chapter 59G, F.A.C.:



"Group" or "Group practice" means two or more health care **practitioners** who practice their profession at a common location, whether or not they share common facilities, supporting staff, or equipment, and which organization possesses a federal employer identification (FEI) number.

 A look of concern came over Maria Navarro's face and she stated that she is the only one at Angels responsible for knowing that group therapy is not allowed In all reports they say that **the Initial Complaint** came by Micah's father, now in the Orlando Sentinel it is published that he was a teacher

And that's why they deleted the emails from the Judith Account

The initial complaint that came into Medicaid Fraud was based on a family's review of their Explanation of Benefits(EOB). M.J-B. was diagnosed with autism by age 3. Based on an award of a McKay scholarship, Micah was removed from public school and enrolled in "Angel's Center for Autism", a private school.

Because the family had 4-5 years of experience dealing with autism and the Medicaid system, they were caught off guard when reviewing the EOB. The father of M.J-B., Daniel Jean-Baptiste wrote,

"We became concerned when we saw the Medicaid statement for the previous month totaling \$8,248.65 for ABA services at the new school we had our son registered in.. He had only been at this particular school location for the span of about one month, and yet they've managed to charge over \$8,000 in ABA services."

A check of Medicaid billing reveals that M.J-B. was billed 8 hours of ABA therapy for 128 days at the rate of \$41.40 per hour which adds up to \$42,393.60. If ABA therapy occurred for 2 hours a day, then the additional \$31,795.20 is fraudulent.

The license of the previous Micah Therapy Provider was

Community Behavior Health Services which only allows 9 hours of therapies in public School



Only 9 Hrs x month in **Public School**





"Angel's Center for Autism", a **private school**

Orlando Sentinel

Schools Without Rules: An Orlando Sentinel Investigation

Florida private schools rake in nearly \$1 billion in state scholarships with little oversight. Part 1 of 3 Parts

By Leclie Fortal, Beth Kannib and Annie Marti

http://www.orlandosentinel.com/features/education/os-florida-school-voucher-investigation-1018-htmlstory.html

At the now-closed Heaven Academy, a school for students with autism, a teacher wrote to the state in October of 2016, questioning whether one of the school's owners was misusing state scholarships and Medicaid money and whether the owner had state approval to hold classes on Heaven's Orlando campus — which was not authorized to receive scholarships. The owner also ran Angels Center for Autism, an Orange County school that was approved to take scholarships.

The education department requested some documents from Angels but did not ask if it had opened the Heaven campus and took no action against the school, where 99 scholarship students attended. Angels took in more than \$706,000 in scholarship money last school year.

Four months later, police arrested that owner and school office manager, accusing them of stealing more than \$4.5 million in Medicaid funds from student accounts. Only then did the department revoke the school's scholarships, citing the arrests and the use of an unauthorized school site, which the teacher tipped off the department about months earlier. The department, in a document written after the arrests, said it did not act earlier because it had nothing to "conclusively show" violations of state law.

The office manager has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing. The arrested owner, Maria Navarro Martin, has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIOR HEALTH SERVICES HANDBOOK

Fee Schedule

Service	Code	1			
Assessment Services			Managara all		
Psychiatric Evaluation by Physician	H2000	HP	\$210 per event	Two events per state fiscal year	
Psychiatric Evaluation by Non-Physician	H2000	но	\$150 per event		
Brief Behavioral Health Status Exam	H2010	но	\$14.66 per quarter hour	Ten quarter-hour units per state fiscal year	
In-Depth Assessment, New Patient, Mental Health	H0031	но	\$125.00 per event	One event per state fiscal year	
In-Depth Assessment, Established Patient, Mental Health	H0031	TS	\$100.00 per event	2000	
Psychiatric Review of Records			\$26.00 per event	Two events per state fiscal year	
Bio-Psychosocial Evaluation, Mental Health	H0031	HN	\$48.00 per event	One event per state fiscal year	
Psychological Testing	H2019	- 5	\$15.00 per quarter hour	40 quarter-hour units per state fiscal year	
Limited Functional Assessment, Mental Health	H0031		\$15.00 per event	Three event per state fiscal year	
Treatment Plan Development, New and Established Patient, Mental Health	H0032		\$97.00 per event	One event per provider per state fiscal year	
Treatment Plan Review, Mental Health	H0032	TS	\$48.50 per event	Four events per state fiscal year	
Therapeutic Behavioral On- Site Services, Behavior Management	H2019	HN	\$10.00 per quarter hour	36 quarter-hour units per month	
Therapeutic Behavioral On- Site Services, Therapeutic Support	H2019	НМ			



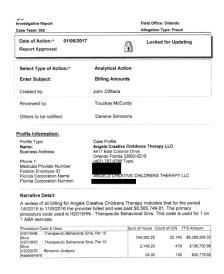
Only 9 Hrs x month in **Public School**



Group therapy	H2019	но	\$6.67 per quarter hour	Medicaid reimburses a maximum of 156 quarter-hour units (39 hours) of group therapy services, per recipient, per state fiscal year.*

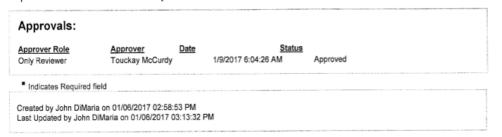
As a conclusion only two hours of therapies were given

The analyst DiMaria made that conclusion only with the testimony of Andres Delgado No research was done to know if it was true or not what Andres Delgado said.



156.564.50 22,760 \$6,565,749.81 Grand Total

In depth analysis shows that children were billed 8 hrs per day 69% of the time; and over 2 hrs a day 98% of the time. All time over 2 hours per day amounts to \$4,562,600.85 for procedure code H2019HN. jdimaria



The Analyst di Maria does not have any certification as a Investigator



John DiMaria

Medicaid Fraud Analyst at Florida Office of the Attorney General Florida Office of the Attorney General • University of West Florida Orlando, Florida Area • 16 &

Experience

Medicaid Fraud Analyst

Florida Office of the Attorney General Apr 2010 - Present • 7 yrs 8 mos

Assist investigations of Medicaid Fraud. Data downloads and analysis. Background checks, asset

Sales Analyst Culinary Classics

Aug 2005 - Mar 2011 • 5 yrs 8 mos

Loan Officer Mortgage Architects Aug 2003 - Aug 2005 • 2 yrs 1 mo

Auditor/Analyst

Florida Department of Financial Services May 1989 - Jul 2003 • 14 yrs 3 mos

Compliance audits and computer forensics. Mortgage fraud, securities fraud, etc.

Education

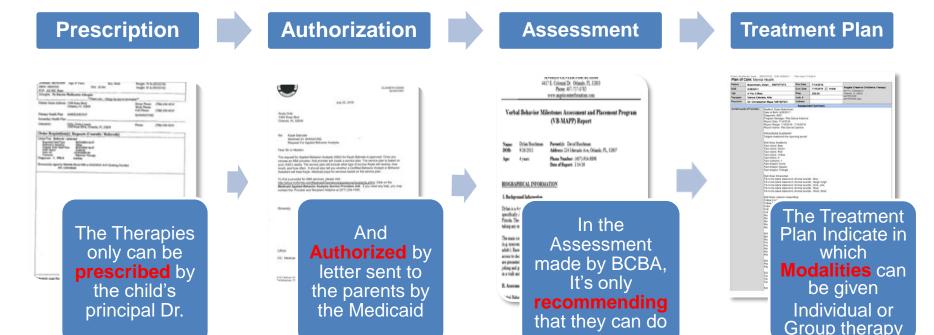


Rita Garcia BCBA, prescribed 1:1 Therapy

Medicaid recipient records collected during the inspection followed the described path to Autism. Children were diagnosed with Autism by a primary care Physician. Once diagnosed, an authorization for treatment was then submitted to Medicaid.

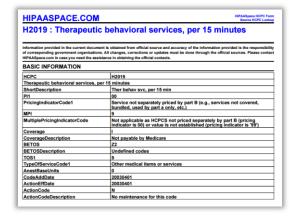
The children also had Assessments and *prescribed treatment plans on file*. he Assessments were all individual to each child but all prescribed extensive one-to-one therapy by BCBA Rita Garcia.

The Medicaid is obliged to pay the 40 hours to all the children with autism, only with a prescription of the doctor, by an order of a federal judge



H2019HN - Therapeutic Behavioral Services. This code is used for services





H2019: Therapeutic behavioral services, per 15 minutes

This is the legal definition of the code, at no time here is named one to one

Modifier	Definition (Some services require one or more modifiers)						
AG	Primary Care Provider receiving Psychiatric Consultation						
AM	Consulting Psychiatrist to primary care provider						
HA	Child or Adolescent						
HE	Mental Health						
HK	Intensive or Children's Day Treatment						
HN	Mental Health Practitioner or Bachelor Degree Level (Clinical Trainee)						
HM	Adult MH Rehabilitation Worker or Mental Health Behavioral Aide Level II						
HQ	Group Modality						
HR	Family/Couple with Client Present						
TG	Extended Diagnostic Update/Psychiatric Consultation complex/lengthy						
TS	Adult Diagnostic Update						
UA	CTSS service package/Children's crisis service package						
UB	Children's Clinical Care Consultation - 21 to 30 minutes						
UC	Children's Clinical Care Consultation - 31 minutes and above						
UD	MH Assessment, Physician Administered Claims						
U1	Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)						
U3	ARMHS Transitioning to community living						
U4	Service provided via non face-to-face contact, e.g., telephone						
U5	Certified Peer Specialist Level II/						
U6	Interactive Behavioral Health Day Treatment						
U8	Children's Clinical Care Consultation - 5 to 10 minutes						
U9	Children's Clinical Care Consultation - 11 to 20 minutes						
52	Brief Diagnostic Assessment						

HN = Mental Health Practitioner or Bachelor Degree Level (Clinical Trainee)

HN = Hospital to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
AMBULANCE CODE MODIFIER TABLE

Community Behavior Health Handbook

Fee Schedule

Description of Service	Procedure Code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Maximum Fee	Reimbursement and Service Limitations		
Behavioral Health Therapy Services							
Individual and family therapy	H2019	HR		\$18.33 per quarter hour	Medicaid reimburses a maximum of 104		
Individual and family therapy—telemedicine	H2019	HR	GT	\$18.33 per quarter hour	quarter-hour units (26 hours) of individual and family therapy services, per recipient, per state fiscal year.* There is a maximum daily limit of four quarter-hour units (1 hour).		
Group therapy	H2019	HQ		\$6.67 per quarter hour	Medicaid reimburses a maximum of 156 quarter-hour units (39 hours) of group therapy services, per recipient, per state fiscal year.*		
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Psychological testing	H2019			\$15.00 per quarter hour	Medicaid reimburses a maximum of 40 quarter-hour units (10 hours) of psychological testing, per recipient, per state fiscal year.*		

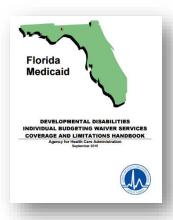
Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table

This table is to be used in conjunction with the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-13.070, F.A.C.

Line #	Service Description	Procedure Code	Billing Unit	Ratio	
1	Adult Dental	D0160UC	Unit		
2	Behavior Analysis - Level 1	H2019UCHP	QH	None	
3	Behavior Analysis - Level 2	H2019UCHO	QH	MUIIs	
4	Behavior Analysis - Level 3	H2019UCHN	QH	None	
5	Behavior Assistant Services	H2019UCHM	QH	Monr	
6	Behavioral Assessment	H2020UC	Unit	None	

As a result, all claims billed by Angels for Procedure Code H2019 UD HN is fraudulent that were submitted by RBT's Delgado, Valero, and Fernandez since they did not possess a bachelor degree

Description of	Procedure	Modifier	Modifier	Rate	Limits	
Service	Code	1	2			
Assessment Service	es					
Behavior Analysis Assessment for Autism	H2020	UD	-	\$299.85 per assessment	One assessment per state fiscal year	
Treatment Services	\$					
Behavior Analysis Level 1 for Autism	H2019	UD	HP	\$19.05 per quarter hour	Maximum combined daily	
Behavior Analysis Level 2 for Autism	H2019	UD	НО	S10.04 per	limit of up to 32 quarter-ho units	
Behavior Analysis Level 3 for Autism	H2019	UD	HN	\$10.35 per quarter hour	Maximum combined week limit up to 160 quarter-hou units of all treatment	
Behavior Assistant Services for Autism	H2019	UD	HM	\$4.31 per quarter hour	services	



Level 3

Florida certified behavior analyst with a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or high school diploma, or board-certified assistant behavior analyst. Level 3 providers are required to show evidence of at least one hour per month of supervision from a professional who meets the requirements of a Level 1 or Level 2 board certified behavior analyst.

Of the 22,145 total claims under billing code H2019 UD HN, it has been determined that 21,786 claims were over the allotted amount of **2 hours**



Angels Center for Autism 4417 E Colonial Dr Orlando – Fl 32803

Based on concerns of the families for the treatment of their autistic children at Angels, a records inspection was conducted at the school. On November 22, 2016, Orlando Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) Analyst DiMaria, Investigator Sommersdorf and Lieutenant. Cronin conducted a statutory records inspection at Angels business office, located at 4417 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803



Angels Learning Elementary 9270 SW 150 AVE Miami – FI 33196



Angels Therapy Services 9280 SW 150 AVE Miami – Fl 33196



Angels Vocational Institute 775 Warner Ln Orlando Fl 32803



Heaven Academy 2807 Edgewater Dr Orlando Fl 32804





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All progress notes are different, signed by parents and therapists

2,4,6 to 8 Hrs. x Day

All Services Log - Bus Route signed by parents

8 to 10 Hrs. x Day

All Check pay to therapists

6 to 8 hrs x Day



revealed that the co-mingling of the fraudulent funds was used to purchase numerous vehicles



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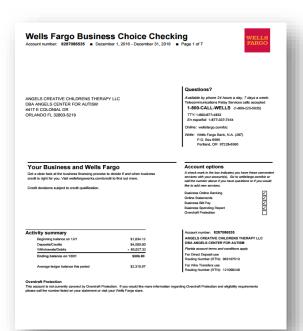
Analysis of Significant Banking Transactions

Within a year,
Angels Medicaid Account transferred



in fraudulent funds into

Angels Therapy Center located in Miami
at 14520 SW 81h Street Miami, FL



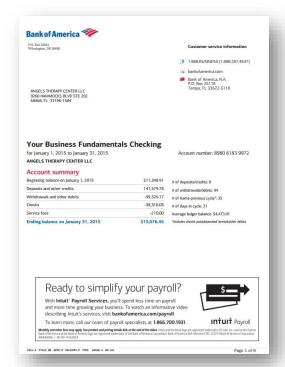


ANGELS do **NOT OWN**a Wells Fargo Bank account called ANGELS THERAPY CENTER

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My Company is

ANGELS CREATIVE CHILDRENS THERAPY LLC



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In BANK OF AMERICA

Located in 9260 Hammocks Blvd Suite 202 Miami Fl 33196



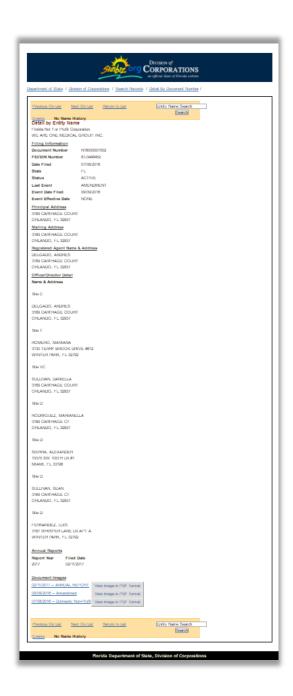
Total Transferred according all bank statement in one year

False conclusions in affidavit

According to former employee



112.3187 Adverse action against employee for disclosing information of specified nature prohibited; employee remedy and relief - may be cited as the "Whistle-blower's Act."



They had already created a company together since September Detail by Entity Name

Florida Not For Profit Corporation

WE ARE ONE MEDICAL GROUP, INC

Filing Information
Document Number

N16000007002

FEI/EIN Number

81-3448452

Date Filed 07/08/2016

State

FL

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Principal Address 3169 CARTHAGE COURT ORLANDO, FL 32837

Mailing Address 3169 CARTHAGE COURT ORLANDO, FL 32837

Registered Agent Name & Address DELGADO, ANDRES 3169 CARTHAGE COURT ORLANDO, FL 32837

Officer/Director Detail Name & Address

Title C

DELGADO, ANDRES 3169 CARTHAGE COURT ORLANDO, FL 32837

Title T

ROMERO, MARIANA 3130 TERRY BROOK DRIVE #612 WINTER PARK, FL 32792

Title D

RODRIGUEZ, MARIANELLA 3169 CARTHAGE CT ORLANDO, FL 32837

Title D

FERNANDEZ, LUIS
3167 WHISPER LANE LN APT A
WINTER PARK, FL 32792

Interview with Former Employee, Andres Delgado

On November 30, 2016

Delgado observed that the "mission" at Angels had changed.

At first, the care of the children seemed to be important.

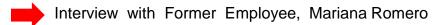
Now, the main emphasis seems to be financial gain.

Delgado stated that he does not steal and it offended him that Angels would steal in his name

The narrative would document activities during the sessions and then the office manager,

Benech or Maria Navarro would inset the narrative into the Progress Note

used to bill Medicaid



Romero was solely trained by Maria Navarro to transfer the Registered Behavioral Technicians' (RBT) progress notes from 'Catalyst" (Angels Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Software) to "Clinic Source" (Angels EMR Software).

Interview with Employee, Angely Volero

Volero confirmed that all the notes were from her for all 5 children on 11/2/16. Medicaid billing for each child reflects 32 units (8 hrs) of billing for each child on 11/2/16 for I: I therapy

Interview of Employee, Luis Fernandez

Fernandez stated that at one time, Mariana Romero was tasked to input the 8 hours of service for each recipient in Fernandez's progress notes.

Documents were provided by Delgado that showed a class schedule and Therapy schedule, with each client being scheduled for just One hour of 1:1 therapy.

Why it comes to the conclusion where they say that they gave two hours of therapies of 1:1?

Interview with Former Employee, Andres Delgado

Delgado recalled working with Angels client K.S. for three (3) days and providing two (2) hours of 1:1 therapy each day When he was an RBT, Delgado says that he never gave 8 hours of ABA therapy. At the most, he gave 2 hours of ABA therapy

Interview with Former Employee, Mariana Romero

As Angels student population grew, Romero told the parents that the student will be pulled aside for approximately 1 hour a day for 1:1 ABA therapy

Torres was the person who created the schedule for ABA sessions for each child (which was only slotted for 1 hour).

Interview with Employee, Angely Volero

At one point, Volero says that she had documented only 4 units (1 hr) of 1:1 therapy for child A.A. Maria Navarro told Volero through Mariana Romero that if Volero did not document 32 units (8 hrs), she would be fired

Your Affiant next showed Volero Progress notes for LG., J.C. and J.C. All the progress notes were for 11/2/16 and had matching text except for the names and cereal.

Volero confirmed that all the notes were from her for all 5 children on 11/2/16. Medicaid billing for each child reflects 32 units (8 hrs)

Interview of Employee, Luis Fernandez

Fernandez works in class #12 as the RBT. Andres Delgado is the teacher

Fernandez says that he does not really provide 1:1. he actually controls the children in a group setting

In calculating the fraudulent amount, Angels was given credit for 2 hours of ABA services for each child per day.

At this point we can show the videos showing that the therapists do not perform 1:1 therapy

In June of 2015, Delgado was asked by the Angels owner, Maria Navarro to relocated from Miami to Orlando, Florida and work at the recently opened Angels office; 4417 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Orange County, Florida. Delgado agreed to do so and subsequently obtained a RBT certificate and began employment at the Orlando location.

They created a company like ours in September called:

WE ARE ONE MEDICAL GROUP, INC



FQHC Director of Operations
Florida Department of Health, Osceola County
Jan 2013 - Present • 4 yrs 6 mos

Daniella Sullivan MBA, MPH, Clinical and Administrative Health Care Professional Florida Department of Health, Osceola County Orlando, Florida Area





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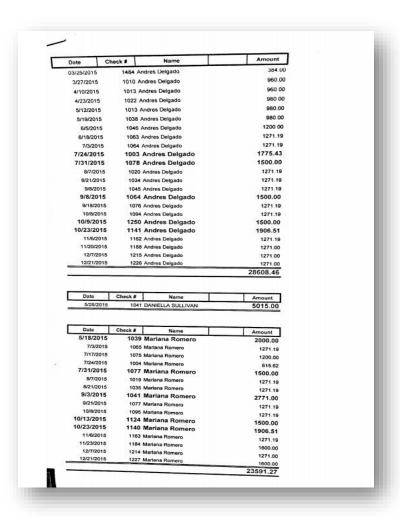
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When we opened the Office of Orlando Andres Delgado and Mariana Romero, they worked in the administration and received extra money....Just Like Judith Benech The mother of Andres is Director in the Florida Dept. Health Hospital.

In the last interview of, Mariana Romero says that Maria only gave her \$ 2000 extras.

Maria have all the checks that show that have given them \$22.874,45



Listen in the last interview of Mariana Romero as she says:

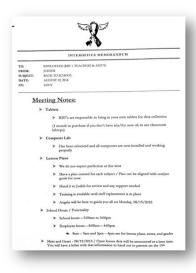
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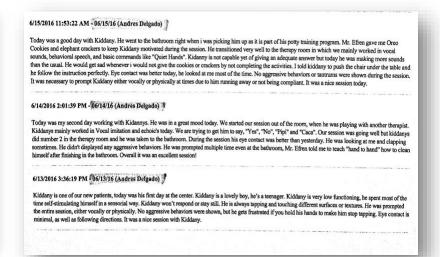
And it's recorded in the evidence of the investigations, where they say it

In June of 2016, Delgado recalled working with Angels client K.S. for three (3) days and providing two (2) hours of 1:1 therapy each day

Delgado was sure that the Progress Notes contained his narratives, but was upset to learn that Angels billed K.S. for eight (8) hours (9a-5p) of 1:1 therapy (H2019), although K.S. did not receive the services that were billed by Angels

was impossible since K.S. only arrived at Angels at approximately 9:30am and left the facility at approximately 3:30pm, so K.S. was only on campus for (6) hours each day







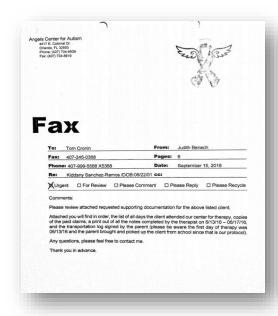
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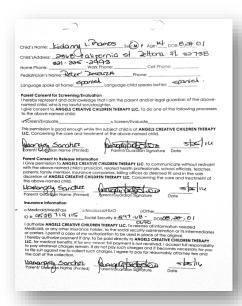
- that he supervised all of them
- that they were trained to put the corresponding hours on the program
- and that they worked all day with their respective children

although K.S. did not receive the services that were billed by Angels

On September 15, Inspector Thomas Cronin, asks us to send him the notes, and all the File of Kiddani Sanchez

Because the mother of KS denounced us to Medicaid, saying that her son had only gone to the center **two days** and we charged **five** to Medicaid She later acknowledged that her son had gone to the center five days







This Mother and Jaels'mother

They are "friends of the church" of Marielena Rodriguez,

Grandmother of Andres and who was bus driver in Angels and is also registered in the company that they created

Interview with Former Employee, Mariana Romero

On December 8, 2016

RBT's were not aware of the Clinic Source notes that were submitted by Romero, nor did the RBTs sign the notes.

Romero advised that the RBTs did not have access to Clinic Source and the only people who did was Benech, "Felipe" who worked in Miami, Maria Navarro, and Vicnan Torres.

Notes Signed for all therapists



Emails sent by Mariana in Sept 16 to the therapists with the access keys



Since the records inspection conducted by Lieutenant Cronin and Investigator Sommersdorf on November 22, 2016, Romero stated that there had been significant changes.

All RBT's now have access to Clinic Source to write their own notes and enter their session time.

According to Romero, all of the students attending Angels, about 80, receive McKay or Gardiner scholarships. All of the students are billed to Medicaid.

62 Children sent to Medicaid for review

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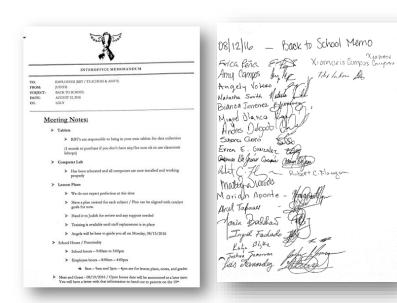
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14 Children Without authorization for therapies or only school

SCHOOL	Alvarez-Rosario	John
SCHOOL	Arocho	Dylan
CMS 21	Gamarra	Joshua
SCHOOL	Gotlewski	Alvin
SCHOOL	Moronta	Gabriel
SCHOOL	Osegueda	Jayden
SCHOOL	Osorio	Vivianna
SCHOOL	Pavon Rodriguez	Evan
SCHOOL	Pavon Rodriguez	Kaiser
SCHOOL	Pavon Rodriguez	Kristoff
CMS 21	Rios	Alejandro
CMS 21	Rosa	Luis
SCHOOL	Serrano	Gabriel
SCHOOL	Sims	James

The RBT's have been directed by Vicnan Torres (A.K.A. "Vicky"), who is the Clinical Director. in an email dated December 1, 2016, to enter 32 units for each note since transportation is included unless the students are picked up early or dropped off late

Romero believes that it is impossible for the RBTs to do 40 hours of therapy a month or for Torres to do 10 hours of supervision a month. When asked why, Romero stated that there are "to many kids".



She knew from August 12 that she was present at the meeting that the rest of the time

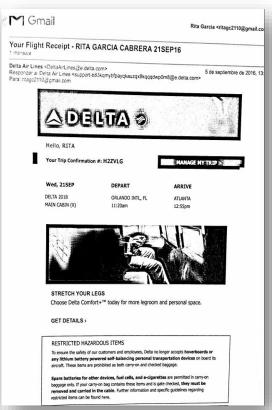
was to make notes not for transportation

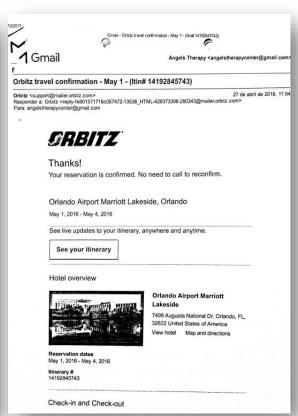
Vicnan Torres was not at the August Meeting since she did not work in Orlando.

Andres Delgado had already spoken to the inspectors on Nov 26, and the Medicaid suspended payments since Nov 12

Rita Garcia was involved with Angels by skyping with Efron Gonzalez. Garcia observed the classrooms when on property but she has not been there since September/October of 2015.







Rita Garcia made six trips to clinics in 2016, In January, February, April, June, September, November and December. I have all emails, hotel reservations and airline tickets

Interview with Former Employee, Marianella Rodriguez

When asked if the bus drivers were RBTs, Rodriguez asked how could a bus driver give therapy and drive a bus at the same time with 14 kids? Rodriguez stated that it cannot be done. Rodriguez did not complete the 40 hour course to become an RBT.

No one asked her if she did therapy, that evidence manipulation in the interview because

Rodriguez agreed to a recorded, sworn statement. Since Rodriguez did not speak English, her Grandson, Andreas Delgado, translated for her

Interview with Employee, Angely Volero

When the discrepancy was pointed out that A.A. was not with her for 8 hours, Volero stated that she had questioned the 8 hours but was told by Maria Navarro and Torrez that the 8 hours included bus transportation time





She was present at the meeting and signed the memorandum where she knew that the extra hours are for making notes

At one point, Volero says that she had documented only 4 units (1 hr) of 1:1 therapy for child A.A.

Volero confirmed that all the notes were from her for all 5 children on 11/2/16. Medicaid billing for each child reflects 32 units (8 hrs) of billing for each child on 11/2/16 for I: I therapy

The schedule itemized each of the four students receiving a 1 hour block of therapy. Since Volero was by herself in the class room, she had to continue supervising 3 other children while falsely giving 1:1 therapy to the scheduled child

Angels billed and received electronic payment from the Florida Medicaid Program in the amount of \$8,280.00 of which \$6,210.00 in claims were fraudulent. In calculating the fraudulent amount, Angels was given credit for 2 hours of ABA services for each child per day

Volero was asked if the Bus Drivers were RBTs. Volero stated that the 4 bus drivers, I) Damian 2) Erica 3) Mariella and 4) Mariengelly only drove the vans and then acted as custodians or worked the front desk during the school day.

Damian and Mariengelly: I've never had workers in my company with those names

Interview of Employee, Luis Fernandez

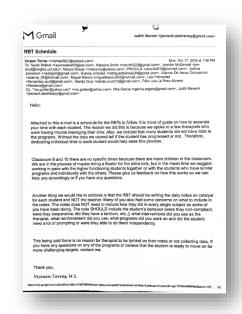
Fernandez says that he does not really provide 1:1. he actually controls the children in a group setting so they can get lessons from a teacher. As an RBT, Fernandez helps them with their behaviors.

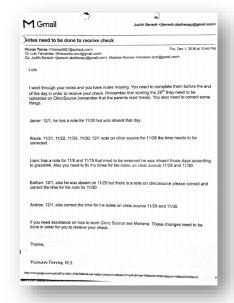
The Progress Notes reflect 120 hours of fraudulent billing to Medicaid for 1:1 Therapy. Fernandez advised that he was directed by Judith Benech and Mariana Romero to inflate his hours by billing 8 hours (32 units) for each recipient although he was scheduled to only provide 1 hour of ABA therapy for each student a day. Fernandez stated that at one time, Mariana Romero was tasked to input the 8 hours of service for each recipient in Fernandez's progress notes

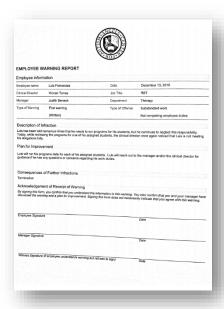
Fernandez works in class #12 as the RBT. Andres Delgado is the teacher. There are 6 kids assigned to the class. Fernandez would work with the class providing "group therapy", correcting behaviors when they acted out in class. Fernandez repeated that there was only one of him and 6 children in the class

Torres has been in Orlando 1 or 2 times in the last 3 months (October - December, 2016). Torres has not communicated with Fernandez and has never given him an assessment plan.

On 12/20/16, Luis Fernandez completed a sworn, recorded statement







Numerous emails were sent by Vicnan Torres, where they were warned that

He was given a warning because the children's programs were no longer running

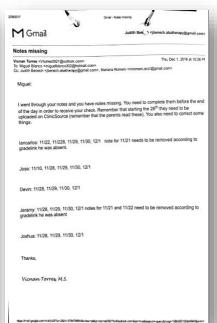
And we have the recording of the cameras where the day before of the arrest he steals a computer and documentation of the center

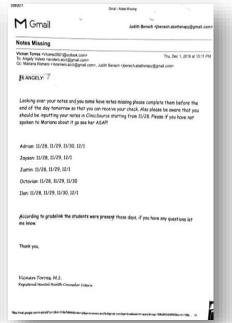
They were making notes days that children had not gone to school.

This had never happened before, and with no other therapist, but since Nov 26 that Andres had spoken with the investigators, Luis, Angely (HIS GIRLFRIEND) and Miguel (HIS FRIEND) began to make false notes

These e-mails also deleted them, but we had already taken copies









Interview with Sharon Lee Figueroa and Jose Carreras Parents of J.C.

Figueroa reviewed the DSS claims of all billing made by Angels for her son and stated that he had never received 6 hours of 1:1 therapy as billed on May 13, 2016 and May 11, 2016

Figueroa said that the Angels bus provided transportation by picking her son up at her residence between 8-8:30A.M and dropping him off at her residence between 5-5:30 P.M for summer camp

"I'm going to remember that." Figueroa believed that her son was receiving 1 hour of ABA therapy during summer camp but she could not confirm it because the school never gave them any information on the schedule, notes, etc. Figueroa stated, "They didn't tell me nothing, no schedule, no idea." Ultimately, Figueroa believes that Angels was not run properly and her son never progressed.

Treatment for J.C. was billed 2 to 8 hours per day of one-to-one ABA therapy at the rate of \$41.40 for 128 days, adding up to \$42,393.60 of Medicaid billing. Allowing for 2 hours per day of ABA therapy, \$31,795.20 was fraudulently billed to Medicaid.

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On August 8 Mrs. Shanon falsely reported to the children and family, saying that her son had arrived home with a scratch on his back.

The inspector of Children and family issued a report where I observed the cameras and saw that throughout the day the child was perfect in the center with his therapists

Curiously she is the friend and took to the center the mother of Kiddany who falsely denounced the Mediciad saying that we had charged 5 days and her son was only two (In the case of Andres) Conclusions Presented as a probable cause, without evidence and based on employee information:

Maria Navarro as the owner of Angels and her employee, Judith Benech, went to great lengths to defraud the Medicaid system. Once Angels no longer gave the Autistic children entrusted to their care proper therapy, it appears they became intent on generating financial gain. Children who qualified (or ABA therapy on a one-to-one basis were deprived of vital care that could improve their lives as well as their families lives. Not only did Angels fail to provide one-to-one therapy, the massive over billing significantly drew from Medicaid resources. Specifically, forbidden ABA services in a group setting were up-coded. RBTs without Bachelor degrees had their services billed at the higher rate. Claims were inflated beyond the 6 hours that the RBTs were in school with the children to include time spent being transported. Maria Navarro and Judith Benech falsely claimed that RBI bus drivers rendered therapy to children while transporting them to and from school. These false claims were submitted to AHCA to maximize financial benefit with seemingly little care for the consequences to the Autistic children that Medicaid moneys were intended to help.